

COUNCIL QUESTIONS

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1	<p>Received 22/07/05</p> <p>target date: 4th August 2005</p>	<p>Cllr Bolter</p> <p>There is a proposal to move Hardwicke House GP Surgery, which serves the Stour Valley wards and part of the Hedingham and Maplestead ward, to an industrial estate at Acton (on the far side of Sudbury).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Council been consulted about this move? 2. Has the council received any documentation about the future of services at Walnut Tree Hospital? 3. Does the Council ever receive information from Suffolk West Primary Care Trust or West Suffolk Hospital Trust? 4. Councillors receive information about Braintree Witham and Halstead Care Trust and the Essex Hospital Trusts. Should not councillors in the north west of the district also receive information about their local trusts, 	<p>By Councillor Mrs Schmitt, Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Healthy Living.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The District Council has not been consulted about this move nor would we normally expect to be. The Care Trust has been consulted and Councillors in the north of the District may wish to contact Jane Griffiths at the Care Trust to see how they are proposing to deal with any implications for patients in the affected areas in the District. <p>It is however acknowledged that there are gaps in the provision of information to the District Council about health service provision where Braintree District residents receive services in Suffolk and we are exploring with the Care Trust how this can best be addressed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Council has not received any documentation about the future of Walnut Tree Hospital. 3. No. 4. See 1. above. However, I agree that Councillors should receive information about health services that affect residents in their area and I have written to the West Suffolk Care Trust to ask that they keep the Council informed of proposed changes. In the meantime if we receive information via the Care Trust 	<p>Interim response sent 4th August & attached response sent 24th August 2005</p>	

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		<p>the Suffolk West Primary Care Trust and the West Suffolk Hospital Trust?</p>	<p>this will be forwarded to the relevant Councillors.. You might also find the websites of both organisations at www.suffolkwest-pct.nhs.uk and www.wsufftrust.org.uk a useful source of up to date information.</p> <p>NB at the time of posting this response on the Council's web site we have just received a hard copy of the Consultation document titled "<i>Modernising Healthcare in West Suffolk</i>". This can be found on the Suffolk West PCT Web Site at www.suffolkwest-pct.nhs.uk and responses are required by 31st October 2005.</p>		
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