

Council 29 March 2017 - Questions submitted by Members

Question No.	Question from:	Question:	Question to:	Service area:
1.	Councillor Ben Stokes	<p>Iwade Health Centre is a vital asset to the community. Many residents in Iwade and the surrounding districts are therefore very concerned to learn that the current permanent Doctor (who has only been in position approximately 2 years) is leaving the practice along with four nurses. There has been little stability in the professionals at the practice and the continual use of locums at the surgery means that patients are not receiving adequate continuation of care. Additionally, as with many other surgeries, it is very difficult to get appointments – for example 5/6 weeks to get an appointment for a lingering cough and it took 3 weeks for a resident's daughter to see the nurse.</p> <p>Understandably, residents believe that the reason the staff do not stay long at the surgery is that it is not being managed properly by the authorities. With the ever increasing population in Iwade, there is a severe lack of clinical care now and that will get even worse if the surgery closes.</p> <p>What assurance can the Cabinet Member give to ensure the health and wellbeing of the community, and whether the high turnover of professional staff/management of the surgery is being investigated?</p>	Cabinet Member for Housing and Wellbeing	Amber Christou/Head of Housing Services

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2.	Councillor John Wright	<p>Would the leader of the Council reassure my residents of Newington that, and I will explain the scenario that:</p> <p>As the leader is already aware Newington has an Air Quality Management Area, various air pollution reports have been put forward to the council on various planning applications with one notable one being decided tomorrow evening by the Planning Committee. Each and every one has impacts on health of residents all be it in the reports small and acceptable by officers when the air quality is averaged over 24hrs ,7 days a week and 52 weeks of the year.</p> <p>What is not considered is the impact on in particular children's health when traveling through these areas normally at rush hours to school ,or when other issues effect the road network whether it be accidents on the motorways or diversions of traffic or when major planned roadworks happen such as Junction 5 or Key street roundabout improvements that will be prolonged What will the council do to safeguard the health and wellbeing of the residents of Newington and other areas when at these peak times air quality standards exceed world and national health standards? What practices are in place to warn the public of these issues at particular times so they may avoid walking in these areas? What conditions are being placed currently on applications to help mitigate these peak time emissions and in particular around school children walking to school?</p>	Leader	Tracey Beattie/Mid Kent Environmental Health Manager