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**Council (18.10.17) – Agenda Item 8 (Question submitted by Members)**

**Amended response to Question 2**

2	Cllr Roger Truelove	At the February meeting of the Council I asked you about the financial difficulties being faced by the Swale Clinical Commissioning Group. You somewhat implausibly tried to dismiss the problem. Could you update the Council on the current financial position of the Swale CCG and its implications for patient care in the area it serves?	Cabinet Member for Housing and Wellbeing	Amber Christou
<p><b>Response:</b> I reported a break even position at the beginning of the year. (2017). By the end of the financial year, Swale CCG were reporting a £2m deficit but stated no adverse effect on Swale residents. To date the CCG are forecasting a £6m risk of which they are attempting to mitigate £5m of the risk the remaining £1m they will cover through reduced medicine costs and efficiency savings. They are working towards a break-even position at financial year end April 2018, again with no impact on local patient care.</p>				