

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 25 JULY 2019

**Question to Alan White
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing**

By Cllr Ian Lawson

Question

Were you aware of the list that has been produced, rating the performance of CCGs in the Northern sector, where the Staffordshire Moorlands had two of their CCG's rated in the lowest sector, and the others not a lot better. With the ongoing problems here in the Moorlands, i.e. Hearing Aids and 2 Hospitals awaiting decisions, I would like your comments on the situation? This comes at the request of the Staffordshire Moorlands Health Committee which met last week.

Reply

All CCGs have been given a rating by NHS England for 2018/19 based on their performance against a national Improvement and Assessment Framework. This includes consideration of the extent to which they have good outcomes and good services for their registered populations, as well as their financial position. North Staffordshire is one of eleven CCGs nationally rated 'inadequate'. This is largely due to their financial position, with a substantial overspend in 2018/19, and forecasted again in 2019/20.

The CCGs intend to review provision of hearing aids for non-complex audiology in the wake of NICE Guideline NG98 - Hearing Loss in Adults: Assessment and Management and expect to consult with the public commencing September 2019.

The CCGs have recently completed a public consultation on the future of community hospitals in North Staffordshire. The findings were considered by their Governing Body at their meeting of 25 June 2019 and will be reflected in the Decision Making Business Case, which is under development and which will form the basis of a final decision, anticipated in December 2019.

CCG ratings are here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/ccg-annual-assessment-report-2018-19.pdf>

The CCG Improvement and Assessment Framework is here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/CCG-IAF-2018.19.pdf>

Minutes from the CCG Governing Body meeting 25 June are here:

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