

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

9 SEPTEMBER 2013

MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR NORRIS

This Council believes that healthcare should be free at the point of use and that the National Health Service is a valuable and indispensable national asset.

This Council thanks the thousands of health care professionals in Nottingham for their hard work, care and dedication. It believes that these efforts should be celebrated and commended, not constantly criticised.

This Council believes that the £3 billion spent on a top-down reorganisation of the NHS is a wasteful demonstration of how out of touch the coalition government is with the needs of those who rely on the NHS.

This Council acknowledges the difficulties faced by the NHS of an ageing population and increased budgetary pressure. Nonetheless, this Council believes in the founding principle of health care for all which is at the heart of the NHS.

This Council will:

- ❖ Work to alleviate pressure on the health service through better integration of health and social care
- ❖ Promote early interventions around mental health that will improve citizens wellbeing and reduce pressures later on for public services
- ❖ Continue to integrate public health services into the organisation ensuring that public health is a theme that runs through all the Council's business
- ❖ Lobby the government to ensure that their ill thought out reorganisation doesn't mean that Nottingham people wait longer than 4 hours in A and E and that Nottingham NHS services have safe staffing levels