

Summary Report:

Bath Ethnic Minority Senior Citizen's Association (BEMSCA) AGM

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Fairfield House

Questions

Is it a Government thing? Are you trying to save money?

Yes and no. We are doing it locally. Other parts of the country are going through the same process.

Is it about cutting? Robbing Peter to pay Paul?

Objective is not to spend less money. The objective is to spend money more effectively to improve care. We need to reduce duplication and waste and relive pressure on the RUH.

Sharing information – will you sell it on? Is it safe?

We have a team of people who are experts in the field looking at this to make sure personal data is absolutely secure.

People will need support to understand who has their information and who it is shared with.

It is recognised there is a need for information and advice services

When you talk about the community – won't it overload the system?

If we've got 1,000 people with diabetes all going into RUH, how can we bring more of the services that support them into the community?

My practice has a special nurse for diabetes so we don't have to go to RUH

If you're seeing a number of specialists, then it would be better if they were coordinated

What about cancer? It is very serious for all of us

We won't shut down all the specialist centres, but community services can provide social and emotional support

Are you saying don't go to hospital anymore?

GPs will be the first port of call, but there may be new options open to GPs that you can access locally

It seems they want people to go to the chemist first where you have to pay, but GP will prescribe for free

It is not just GPs who can give prescriptions, pharmacists and highly trained nurses can do this too.

How can chemists prescribe medication when they don't know your history/allergies?

You'll always be able to see a GP but we want to offer you more options

Are you employed by the Government? It's cuts!

I work jointly for the CCG and the Council and we must deliver the best health and care services we can with the funds provided to us by the Government.

Other Comments

- Some people get the wrong diagnosis or see the wrong person.
- Group doesn't know if it will still exist in 2016. This group need a voice and they need this ongoing service. We need BEMSCA
- I get 3 hours respite a week but could do with more – it helps you feel fresh
- Carers on The Paragon – no car parking – lose time traveling on foot
- Care plans – need to include a photo with date of birth and name
- Go back for focus group when we have final model
- Blue badge assessment in Keynsham – lots of problems! Can we have people who go out and do assessments in the community?