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## CITY COUNCIL – MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Monday 14 June 2021  
2.00 pm  
The Guildhall, Plymouth

**Members:**

Councillor Mrs Beer, Chair

Councillor Mrs Bridgeman, Vice Chair

Councillors Allen, Mrs Aspinall, Bingley, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Dr Buchan, Burden, Carlyle, Churchill, Coker, Collins, Corvid, Dr Cree, Cresswell, Dann, Deacon, Derrick, Downie, Drear, Evans OBE, Goslin, Harrison, Haydon, Hendy, Hulme, James, Mrs Johnson, Jordan, Kelly, Laing, Loveridge, Lowry, Dr Mahony, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Nicholson, Partridge, Patel, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Riley, Salmon, Shayer, Singh, Smith, Stevens, Stoneman, Tuffin, Vincent, Wakeham, Ms Watkin and Wheeler.

Please refer to agenda item 9 attached.

**Tracey Lee**

Chief Executive

## City Council

### 9. Motions on notice

To consider motions from councillors in accordance with Part B, paragraph 14 of the Constitution.

9.a NHS Dental Waiting Lists **(Pages 1 - 2)**

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9.d Opting Out of NHS Patient Data sharing with the Private Sector **(Pages 7 - 8)**

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**NHS Dental Waiting lists**

On January 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 our Public Health Unit brought the Plymouth Oral Health Needs Assessment to the Health and Wellbeing Board because of the concerns for the dental health of Plymouth's residents. The report included information on the rise in the numbers of residents on the NHS dental waiting list, since then the numbers on that list has increased and last September were over 16,000.

NHS England have produced a South West Dental Needs Assessment report but it fails to address the issues that both a Dental Scrutiny Select Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board identified in March this year.

Council requests that the Chief Executive urgently writes to the Secretary of State for Health and to the Children's Commissioner asking for immediate action to address the dental health needs of all Plymouth residents.

**Proposed by:** Councillor Mary Aspinall

**Signature** Approved by email

**Seconded by:** Councillor Jemima Laing

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**Education Recovery Plan**

Plymouth City Council notes that:

The Government published its plans for education recovery after the pandemic on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Sir Kevan Collins was appointed by the Prime Minister as the Government's Education Recovery Commissioner to determine how much was needed to repair the damage done to the nation's pupils because of Covid. He judged it would take £15bn - the Government's recent offer of £1.4bn falls far short and is wholly inadequate. The Education Policy Institute have calculated that this amounts to £50 per pupil per year. This contrasts with £1,600 per pupil in the USA and £2,500 per pupil in the Netherlands.

We cannot build back better from the pandemic and have an education system that supports high standards and strong mental health for everyone on the cheap.

Separately, the Department for Education has changed the census used to calculate Pupil Premium funding for the most disadvantaged pupils. This means that £500,000 is being taken away from young people and schools most in need in our city – we are not going to level up the country on the backs of the most disadvantaged children.

Plymouth City Council resolves:

To lobby the Government to value and invest in all our children, so they are supported to learn, succeed, and go on to have bright futures.

To write to the Prime Minister and call on the Government to scale up its ambition for our children and young people and give our education system the resources it needs to ensure that no child is left behind. The Government should show it is serious about levelling up by putting in the investment called for by its own former Education Recovery Commissioner.

**Proposed by:** Councillor Sally Cresswell

**Signature:** approved by email

**Seconded by:** Councillor Sarah Allen

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**Mental Health services**

The Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown has been a difficult time for all, we have seen our NHS locally coping with unprecedented pressures and we applaud their commitment and professionalism. However, there are also long lasting demands on the services for the mental health and wellbeing of Plymouth's residents.

Currently the waiting time for referrals are excessive compared to neighbouring Devon. Concerns have been raised that children have been excluded from school until they have been assessed by the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

Council requests that the Chief Executive urgently writes to the CCG Commissioners to request that increased funding be made available to strengthen the Mental Health Services in Plymouth. The service in Plymouth should receive the same funding per capita as Devon, so enabling the referral to treatment time to be comparable.

**Proposed by:** Councillor Mary Aspinall

**Signature:** approved by email

**Seconded by:** Councillor Sally Haydon

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**Opting Out of NHS Patient Data Sharing With the Private Sector**

Plymouth City Council recognises the crucial role our NHS services play in maintaining the health and well-being of our residents, and particularly their essential work during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The Council notes with concern plans by the U.K. Government to pool 55 million NHS patient records, including sensitive data on mental health, into a central database that will be made available to researchers and third parties in the private sector. The Council understands that while this data will be anonymised and given “codes” by NHS Digital they can be used to reveal the identity of the data’s owners if there is a “valid legal reason”. Privacy campaigners have said the plans are “legally problematic”.

**The Council notes** with particular concern the fact that there has been little public notice or political debate about these plans, and the fact that NHS patients only have until June 23 to opt-out of this data sharing, via an online form (1).

Understanding that a significant portion of our residents do not have reliable Internet access—particularly our residents living in poverty—the Council will undertake a prominent campaign in social media and the local press to advise Plymouth’s NHS patients about their right to opt-out of data sharing.

- 1) <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/general-practice-data-for-planning-and-research/transparency-notice#opting-out-of-nhs-digital-collecting-your-data-type-1-opt-out->

**Proposed by:** Councillor Tudor Evans OBE

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**Seconded by:** Councillor Margaret Corvid

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