

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

28 MARCH 2017

ITEM NO 10 - FAIR HEALTH CARE FUNDING FOR SOUTH READING

Councillor Pearce to move:

This Council notes:

Clinical Commissioning Groups are responsible for the planning and commissioning of health care services for their local area. South Reading Clinical Commissioning Group is the lowest funded in the whole of England. This means that it is 150th out of 150 CCG's in the UK. Average funding per head across the UK is £1221, compared to just £1000 in South Reading.

Abbey, Church and Whitley Wards have the lowest life expectancy in Reading; Church and Whitley wards, which are both in South Reading, also have the lowest levels of life expectancy, and the highest rates of obesity and child poverty in Reading.

The low level of funding in South Reading is unacceptable.

A petition has been signed by hundreds of residents in South Reading demanding that this funding increases.

This Council resolves to:

Organise a meeting between the Leader & Deputy Leader of the Council, the Lead Councillor for Health, the Members of Parliament for Reading East & Reading West, the Minister for Health and South Reading Clinical Commissioning Group to urgently resolve these funding shortages in South Reading. In view of the urgency, this meeting should if possible take place by Thursday April 13th 2017.