

NHS Funding Meeting – CCG 21st November



The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) which oversees all health funding throughout Cambridgeshire held a Funding Meeting tonight @ The Fleet.

They said it had been widely publicised – about 15 or so attended – 2 groups and a few like us. Unfortunately, the meeting was side-tracked and high-jacked by a number from these groups who had several ‘personal issues’ with either Doctors/Surgeries/Peterborough Hospital or nothing to do with the meeting.

I left before the ending as the level of discussion from these people was not sustainable.



Anyway we were fortunate to meet Mr David Parks who was the Hospital Chaplain for many years both at PDH and Edith Cavell -

More recently until standing down David was the Chairman of The Greater Peterborough Patients Forum.

There was ‘some’ interesting facts presented, including a £55 Million short-fall/predicted overspend for the year.

This year again the CCG state that demand has out-stripped funding and are looking at many ways to try and reduce this short-fall.

In the article which follows has some remarkable figures of ‘What-it-costs’ to attend a GP, and what an indicative cost of a night stay in hospital costs – this was questioned – the answer being, anything from staff/support staff/building costs/maintenance.

I have attended many of these meetings and generally the attendee’s have had some good probing questions, but as I said on this occasion it was not so.

If you would like to read the document (5/10 minutes) and submit your views on the questions (takes less than 5 minutes) follow the NHS link below.

<https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/the-big-conversation/>