

Health and Wellbeing Board – 12th December 2023

Questions from the Public (originally submitted for the September HWB)

Questions from Ms Denham to the Chair, Cllr Moyies.

1. Has the city's health and wellbeing board considered supporting dilation therapy for its trans population, particularly as the City has the largest trans community in Essex according to the 2021 census (904 people) and If it has not, will it now ensure appropriate dilation therapy training is given to local services?

2. Will the board create actions that explore the issues I have raised before it is too late?

Answer:

This is a matter that is outside of the Council's Health and Wellbeing Board remit.

However, on further engagement with the ICB and colleagues at SEE Alliance I understand that you have lodged a formal complaint with the ICB and you have met with representatives from the ICB and a series of correspondence is ongoing.

I understand that a formal response has been provided to you from the ICB (on 4th August) regarding access to dilation support for Trans people with Dementia.

I am informed that from the ICB's perspective this area of service development is not a priority this year given other pressing priorities.

The Health and Wellbeing Board is a partnership between health colleagues, the Council and others. It is not directly responsible for the delivery or commissioning of individual partner services. It can review the various health related plans but is not directly accountable as a decision making body but can question and comment on the strategic issues.