

Scrutiny Request submitted by Cllr Robin Legg

1. Title and description of review requested:

Reduction in NHS funding for Weldmar Hospicecare

2. Reasons for the request / why would you like this issue to be reviewed?

Weldmar Hospicecare has received notice from NHS Dorset that Fast Track Funding of £400,000 will be withdrawn. This would have an impact on the amount of commissioned income they receive and create additional pressures on their budget and reserves. There may be an impact on care at home services provided by Weldmar.

3. What evidence do you currently have that this review is necessary, for instance has public concern been expressed:

Concern has been expressed by the Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer of Weldmar Hospicecare. They have written to the Leader of the Council, local MP, and local members asking for the NHS decision to be reviewed.

4. Desired Outcomes: what would you wish the outcome of the review to be?

That the committee can support Weldmar Hospicecare in asking NHS Dorset to review their decision to withdraw funding.

5. Which of the council's priorities would this review help to achieve?

Communities for all

6. Are there any time constraints that need to be considered for undertaking a review?

Yes - Weldmar have said that the funding would be withdrawn from April 2025.

7. Please briefly provide any further information that would be useful for considering a potential review:

Press release from Weldmar Hospicecare: <https://www.weldmarhospicecare.org/nhs-funding-cut/>