

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

COUNCIL MEETING – 23 OCTOBER 2013

Question by: Mr Barrie Stead

To: Cabinet Member for Community Care

QUESTION

“Could you provide copies of the minutes and give a general report of the recent meetings you’ve had with Imperial to discuss the future of the Charing Cross hospital site?”

Answer

I meet with Imperial and other health providers frequently. It is our policy to constructively engage with hospital trusts, as well as with the CCG’s and government.

In particular, I met with the Chief Executive and members of the Imperial Board on 4th September.

At that meeting I reiterated the Council’s desire to see the best possible emergency services on the Charing Cross site.

It was at this meeting, following our lobbying, that they confirmed their desire to see a world class elective surgery centre established at Charing Cross.

I also repeated my request that any plans to redevelop the Charing Cross site should include a significant provision of Extra Care housing. Situated within an ecosystem of health and social care support it will prevent acute hospital admissions and residential care placements, and maximise the independence of frail residents.