

## Council – 22 November 2023

### Liberal Democrats Group Amendment to motion 9f – Altrincham MIU

This Council notes:

- ~~that~~ The closing of Altrincham Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) during the COVID-19 pandemic was intended as a temporary measure.
- **That Minor Injuries Units are being phased out and replaced with Urgent Treatment Centres in order to provide more efficient care.**
- ~~Council also notes~~ That Altrincham MIU was reopened briefly in 2021 only to be closed again with “staffing issues” cited.
- **That the NHS faces debilitating staffing pressures as a direct result of Brexit and that strain on health services has been compounded by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.**
- **Over the past eight years funding has failed to keep pace with inflation, there has been no strategy to fill vacancies - in particular for GPs and Paramedics which have a direct impact on urgent care provision.**

This Council praises the work done by the Health Scrutiny Committee in its attempts to see Altrincham MIU reopened, **and its support of the Urgent Care Review which is due to report back its findings at the next Health Scrutiny meeting following this Full Council.**

This Council is concerned by the additional pressures **that the mismanagement of the NHS in England by the Government and** continued closure of Altrincham MIU presents not just to A&E departments in Greater Manchester but also to GP Out-Of-Hours services run in Trafford. This Council is concerned that residents in Trafford with minor injuries are making longer journeys to A&E in Wythenshawe, and residents in South Trafford – in Altrincham, Timperley, Broadheath and Hale in particular – do not have ready access to minor injuries care within the borough, **placing extra pressure on those emergency services already in place.**

This Council notes that a two-day opening offer was developed but was rejected even though a two-day opening plan would be welcomed by residents if the alternative is no service offering at all.

**This Council expresses its’ strong preference that Altrincham Minor Injuries Unit should reopen as an Urgent Treatment Centre in the interest of our residents, and commits to doing everything in its’ power to help achieve this outcome.**

~~With this in mind,~~ This Council resolves to:

Write to the following people, **with the findings of the Urgent Care Review** asking them to support efforts to reopen **the Altrincham facility as a Minor Injuries Unit Urgent Treatment Centre:**

1. Mark Cubbon – Group Chief Executive of the Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust.
2. Sir Richard Leese – Chair of NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care.
3. Paul Dennett – Chair of the NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership Board at the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA).
4. **Victoria Atkins MP - The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.**