

FULL COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2016

Written question from Esme Mutter, Stroke Association to Councillor Steve Stubbings, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Integration

The Stroke Association wishes to seek clarity that the saving of £58,000 quoted under reference number 50 of Appendix D for the Stroke Initiative, which forms part of our contract with the Isle of Wight Council will not be recommended.

If this cut were to be recommended the financial impact on health and social care on the Island would greatly outweigh the cost of the service provided under the contract.

Each 'carer breakdown' the service avoids saves money, as it tackles practical problems which many experience.

Community care packages for stroke survivors (the need for which can be avoided by this service) cost £349 per person per week. (PSSRU Health and Social Care Unit Costs, 2012)

Response

I would like to give Ms Mutter my categorical reassurance that this is very much in the not recommended section of this administration's budget that is being put forward. Indeed my own dear mother has benefitted hugely from the work of the Stroke Association, and as the member in this area I would certainly not be putting forward a proposal to cut the funding for the Stroke Initiative.