

1st April 2015

Dear Jonathan

We are writing to you as Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, to raise our concerns about the closure of Median Road Resource Centre without:

- either a consultation with members of the public
- or adequate and appropriate involvement of the patient representatives who sit on the Re-ablement and Intermediate Care Board

We raised this matter with Health in Hackney Scrutiny, who called in the officers to investigate the issue, and members there also expressed their concerns.

Since this time we have raised with the council whether there was a legal duty to consult, but have been unable to see the legal advice that was given to the council.

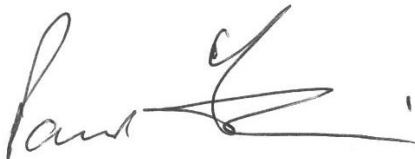
If this was a service in the NHS there would be a clear duty to consult.

Median Road Resource Centre is a unique facility, which is potentially lost to Hackney. While it had a poor rating by the CQC last year, we understand a follow up visit has received a good rating.

We are writing to ask that the Health and Wellbeing board

- looks at this issue in detail, and the impact of its potential loss on residents
- agrees clear principles across health and care services in Hackney about consultation and involvement in any significant proposals for changes to or closures of services in Hackney or those funded through Hackney Council.

Best wishes,



Paul Fleming
Chair of Healthwatch Hackney

