

25th October 2019

Dr K Feltham
Chair of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Leicestershire County Council
County Hall
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Dear Dr Feltham

Health care in Ashby de la Zouch

At the Town Council's Planning and Transportation Committee meeting held on 14th October the Town Council discussed the letter Ashby Civic Society have sent to yourself expressing concern at the level of community health services in Ashby since the closure of Ashby Community Hospital in October 2014.

As a result of that discussion I have been asked to write to yourself expressing support for the Civic Society's letter. The Town Council has regularly discussed the level of health services in the town and the gradual decline in those services. As highlighted by the Civic Society Ashby residents are now having to travel significant distances to receive outpatient and therapy services. Whilst residents discharge from the acute hospital are frequently placed in community hospitals and care homes which are a significant distance from Ashby, which are difficult, if not impossible to reach on public transport.

I understand that the Civic Society's concerns will be considered by the Health and Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 15th January and we hope the Town Council's comments can be shared with the Committee as part of their discussions.

Yours sincerely

Karen Edwards
Deputy Town Clerk

Cc: Dr J Addison, Castle Medical Group

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