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Question	Response
How will the change from the PCT to Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) affect the local area?	<p>It is anticipated that initially there will be little difference in the change from the PCT to CCGs commissioning services. The intention is that there should be greater patient choice around what is supplied and where patients receive their care.</p> <p>A local Health and Wellbeing Board for Rochford and Castle Point has been established, on which the emerging CCG for Rochford and Castle Point is represented.</p>
Are there any plans for the Rochford District to have a Primary Care Centre, such as the one on London Road, Leigh on Sea?	<p>There are no plans to build a Primary Care Centre in the District, but Rochford District residents have full access to the clinics that are based in the Southend Borough.</p>
Have the proposals for new housing in the Rochford District been taken into consideration when planning for the CCGs?	<p>All future housing plans have been taken into account when deciding community health and GP surgery provision.</p> <p>It was noted that in May there will be governor elections for Southend Hospital Foundation Trust. This could provide members of the public with an opportunity to get involved.</p>
Is there any work being done to reduce the waiting time in the Southend Hospital Accident and Emergency department?	<p>Health care planning is now aimed at avoiding unnecessary admissions and supporting discharge, with patients being treated on the spot or discharged as soon as is possible. Accident and Emergency provides a 'filter' facility, with patients being assessed by a clinician before admission. It is hoped that having a single point of referral would reduce the number of patients coming to and being admitted via Accident and Emergency and that more people could be looked after in their own home.</p>
Since the Rochford Town Centre Dispersal Order has ceased, the issue of anti-social behaviour by young people in the	<p>Dispersal orders are governed by legislation that allows for a maximum life of six months, with an option for a further six months if this is deemed necessary. To determine whether a dispersal order would be an appropriate measure to take, the Police</p>

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<p>centre of Rochford has increased. Can a further Order be introduced?</p>	<p>will look at reported evidence of anti-social behaviour (ASB) over a period of time to ascertain whether there is an issue. A submission will then be made to the District Council. Consultation will take place between Ward Councillors, the Council Leader and Chief Executive prior to the Council agreeing or not agreeing to a Dispersal Order. When establishing a Dispersal Order, the Police are careful to avoid displacing the ASB problem to another area outside the dispersal zone. A rise in ASB is often seen in the summer months so there could be a need to reinstate a Dispersal Order in Rochford at this time. If anyone experiences ASB it is important they report it to the police.</p>
<p>There have been reports of anti-social behaviour in the gated flat developments of Roche Close and Roche House, Rochford. Youths have been congregating in the open-fronted garages. The Police are aware of the situation but it continues to be an issue.</p>	<p>The Police advised that they attend the location in question on a regular basis. The two-fold measures that can be taken are enforcement and the education of the young people on the effect their behaviour is having on the residents in the area. It would be examined whether similar measures to those used successfully to resolve ASB issues at Boleyn House, Rochford can be employed in this location. It is important that residents report every incident to the Police.</p> <p>It was noted that planning design advice "Secured by Design" is provided by the Police into the Council's Planning Department.</p>
<p>How will the funding cuts affect Policing in the Rochford District? There has been an increase in ASB during the past few months, with fewer Police visible in the centre of Rochford. This affects the ambience of the burgeoning night-time economy. Can Behaviour Orders be issued to offenders?</p>	<p>A Police priority is to have a visible presence; there is good Police coverage seven days a week, with very late cover on Friday and Saturday nights. Police can promote Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, ASB Orders and child and parenting orders. Again, in order to establish areas that are ASB 'hot spots', public reporting of ASB issues is vital. This will ensure that officers can be used to target specific areas and that limited resources are used effectively.</p> <p>Essex Police is generally no longer policed geographically; it is organised around functional commands. However, neighbourhood policing teams remain geographically organised. Many of the neighbourhood constables and PCSO's have</p>

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	remained in the District following the reorganisation.
<p>There was an incident last week in Alexander Road, Great Wakering involving destruction of an area of green belt land by a developer. This area of land is part of the West GW3 allocation option: does this mean that this is the agreed site allocation for this location? Is there any further public consultation and will sustainability assessments be undertaken?</p>	<p>The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation advised that the Core Strategy for the District is now agreed and general locations have been formally approved. There is still a lot of detailed work being undertaken in relation to determining specific site allocations. A sustainability assessment of proposed sites forms part of that process. Ward Councillors will be able to put forward the wishes of residents and the preferred options will go to a further round of public consultation. The West Great Wakering site allocation has yet to be determined.</p> <p>It was emphasised that all planning applications must be given proper consideration and are dealt with on their own merits.</p>
<p>There is an issue of stockpiles of waste on sites within the Purdey's Industrial Estate that are visible from the road. This has been reported to Essex County Council but why hasn't Rochford District Council dealt with the situation?</p> <p>Will the issue of noise nuisance be enforced?</p>	<p>Recent changes to waste legislation should result in a number of improvements to partnership working among Rochford District Council, Essex County Council and the Environment Agency. The three agencies are aware of the issues in this area and are working together to address the situation within the legislation available.</p>
<p>Queuing for free parking in Market Square, Rochford is a problem that can cause the road to be gridlocked. Could this situation be helped by the introduction of a period of 15 minutes' free parking in the main car park?</p>	<p>There is other free car parking in the centre of Rochford. Recent changes to car parking charges have seen the introduction of a charge of 40p for half an hour parking and free parking on Saturdays after 1 pm. Essex County Council is looking at a possible reorganisation of the layout of Market Square, Rochford.</p>