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NHS WEST ESSEX: CANCER INFORMATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

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Introductory note by Secretary

Members are aware of discussions and media coverage about withdrawal of 'McMillan Funding' in West Essex. The formal Consultation Paper about this proposal, which actually relates to Cancer Information and Support Services, is attached and sets out what the local PCT has in mind.

The consultation paper is aimed primarily at stakeholders and the staff involved but, given the widespread concern that has been generated in West Essex, it is included on the agenda in order for the Essex HOSC to become a formal consultee.

Member's views are sought. Local members have been advised of this discussion and at least one is likely to wish to attend and put forward observations.

A representative from the PCT will be present to respond to points made by Members.
