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| **GUIDANCE IN BRIEF** |  |
| **COUNCIL PROPOSALS** | **Save Lewisham Hospital campaign says:** |
| **COUNCIL PROPOSALS FOR HEALTH VISITORS (POINTS 1-5)** | **Strongly disagree.** Health visitors and health visiting services should not be reduced because they provide an essential service for children’s health and well being age 0-5. |
| **COUNCIL PROPOSALS FOR CHILDREN’S CENTRES****We are looking at how we can continue to make better use of ourChildren’s Centres in future, including what services they could provide, and where these are provided from. Please tell us how you feel about the following proposals:****Co-locate Children’s Centres with other health and education services** | **Neither agree nor disagree.**Without further detail this is not clear. Health facilities for children’s and families need properly purposely provided buildings with proper facilities.  |
| **Integrate the one-to-one family support service provided by Children’s Centres with our health visitor support for vulnerable families.** | **Neither agree nor disagree**. This is unclear. |
| **COUNCIL PROPOSALS FOR SCHOOL NURSES** |  |
| **COUNCIL PROPOSAL 1, beginning…School nurses currently offer a health assessment to children when they enter primary school. In future, school nurses might provide a combined assessment for reception …** | **Agree,** if properly resourced and NHS provided. |
| **COUNCIL PROPOSAL 2, beginning…MyTime Active currently deliver a weight management programme for children in Lewisham…**  | **Agree** if properly resourced and NHS provided. |
| **COUNCIL PROPOSAL 3, beginning…The school nursing service currently plays a key role in safeguarding and child protection. n future, we will continue to require school nurses to undertake health assessments…** | **Agree:**if there are adequate resources.  |
| **COUNCIL PROPOSAL 4, beginning****The school nursing service currently supports the health and emotional wellbeing of children and young people through school drop-ins, appointments and health promotion work…** | **Strongly disagree**It is known that the numbers of young people attending A&Es from schools in mental health crises has increased greatly. Early intervention services such as school nursing are vital in this context. The proposed cut of 22% as is planned, is dangerous. |
| **COUNCIL PROPOSAL 5, beginning…****School nurses also provide support to children with long term conditions and disabilities. In future, a dedicated nursing team, supported by community children’s doctors, and disabilities in schools…** | **Strongly disagree because this service already exists** |
| **COUNCIL PROPOSAL 6, beginning…****The school nursing service currently delivers immunisations to school age children. In future, immunisations will continue to be provided in schools but might be delivered by a different immunisation team.** | **Strongly disagree**There is no reason for this change as the school nurse team is already providing a good service. They know the schools and as well as providing the immunisation service can pick up on vital wider issues which young people may present in these contexts.  |