

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There are 3 questions from the members of the public.

1. From Peter Perrin to Councillor Gledhill

During a debate at last month's Council meeting Councillor Gledhill indicated that he did not accept that the NHS, nationally or locally, was in "crisis" but rather that there were "problems". In view of reports since then that 137 out of 152 hospital trusts have been at "unsafe" levels so far this winter, Basildon University Hospital being one of the 137, would Councillor Gledhill now consider changing his assessment from "problematic" to "crisis"?

2. From Barry Taylor to Councillor Gledhill

Can you tell us why you think it is acceptable to propose a £15 a week charge on the elderly residents living in sheltered housing in Thurrock?

3. From Maureen Cunningham to Councillor Gledhill

Why are you setting residents against residents? By introducing a huge charge for us elderly who you say can pay, and others who are on benefits and will get this tax paid for them?