

REPORT TO THE: HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: 28TH FEBRUARY 2019

SUBJECT OF THE REPORT: PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE OF GRAHAM ROAD AND CLARENCE PARK SURGERIES IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

PRESENTED BY: MARK GRAHAM, CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR ALL HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

Recommendation

- (1) That Members note that, following a clinical and sustainability review of its two GP surgeries and consideration of a range of options for delivering improvements (as set out in appendix 1), the Locality Health Centre Community Interest Company (LHC CIC) is recommending options 3 and 4 for public consultation; and
- (2) That the Panel consider and comment on the case for change proposals (as detailed the attached appendices).

1 Summary

Following a clinical and associated sustainability review of its two practices, Graham Road and Clarence Park Surgery, the Locality Health Centre Community Interest Company LHC CIC reached the conclusion that merging the two patient lists and consolidation of services would enable clinicians to offer a better range and continuity of care whilst providing a more resilient platform for the future of health services in Weston-super-Mare.

It was therefore proposed that, before reaching a final decision about the future of the surgeries, there be a public and stakeholder consultation on two options as set out below, which would sustain a combined patient list of approximately 14,000 patients.

2 Context

2.1 The LHC CIC is a not for profit organisation which provides primary care medical services for people in Weston-super-Mare. In the summer of 2018 LHC CIC took the decision not to tender for the Provider of Medical Services (PMS) contract offered for Locality Health Centre. This led to a clinical and associated sustainability review of their other two practices – Graham Road Surgery and Clarence Park Surgery.

2.2 The viability of a GP practice with less than 5000 patients is widely questioned, and in line with the national GP Forward View and the local Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) Healthy Weston initiatives, practices are required to be more efficient and resilient. Given the limitations of the Clarence Park Surgery estate, and the associated scalability of Graham Road Surgery, it was proposed to consult with the local public and stakeholders about a number of options which would sustain a combined patient list of approximately 14,000 patients.

3 Details

3.1 To enable Members to consider these proposals in more detail, the following documents have been appended to this report, setting out the rationale for change and options considered; equalities impacts; and plans to consult stakeholders and the public: -

- Graham Road and Clarence Park GP Surgeries Case for Change (Appendix 1)
- Equality Impact Assessment – Clarence Park and Graham Road Service Change proposal (Appendix 2)
- Patient and Public Involvement and Communications Plan – Graham Road and Clarence Park GP Surgeries Proposal (Appendix 3)
- Engagement Presentation Slides (Appendix 4)

3.2 Following its review of a range of options as set out in its Case for Change document, the LHC CIC has decided to recommend the following two options for public and stakeholder consultation: -

Option 3: Merge the two practices/ patient lists and operate Clarence Park as a branch site.

This can enable Graham Road to offer acute and routine GP services for the merged patient list with the associated allocation of Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) and Doctors. Clarence Park will act as a branch site, offering Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Treatment Room and Chronic Disease services led by nurses, to the merged patient list.

Option 4: Merge the two practices/ patient lists, close the Clarence Park site and operate all services from Graham Road.

This option offers the most financially sustainable and efficient use of clinical resource and premises and has already been offered to the public domain for consideration.

3.3 The LHC CIC believes that these proposals best meet the needs of the local patient population for a short, medium and long-term perspective, whilst also enabling the practice business to be sustainable during this time of change across the locality.

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