

Stakeholder submission to the North East Review Panel

Phase I: Primary and Community Care (including mental health)

A North East Review Panel has been established to consider evidence on health status and health services in the northeast area of West Sussex. The Panel will make recommendations to the Board of West Sussex Primary Care Trust by the end of 2008.

This submission will form part of the evidence considered by the Panel as part of the Review. You may be called on to discuss the contents of your submission in more detail at a panel meeting in public. Please note that this submission will be published on the PCT's website where it will be in the public domain.

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| If you are making this submission on behalf of an organisation or individuals, please provide brief details: | <p>This submission is made on behalf of East Grinstead Town Council, one of the stakeholders in the North East Review. The response has been agreed in conjunction with our specific Member representatives on the Review Group namely, Councillor Mrs Virginia Waddingham and Councillor Mrs Heidi Brunsdon.</p> |

Please use the pages overleaf to outline your concerns about and proposals for the delivery of primary and community health care (including mental health services) in the northeast area of West Sussex.

Please email your completed submission by **no later than 5 August 2008** to claire.hollis@westsussexpct.nhs.uk. You can also post your submission to: Claire Hollis, Stakeholder Submission, North East Review Support Team, 1 The Causeway, Goring by Sea, Worthing, West Sussex, BN12 6BT.

Further information about the North East Review can be found at:

<http://www.westsussexpct.nhs.uk/about-us/north-east-review/>

Outline of gaps/inequities in provision of and access to primary and community care (including mental health services) in the north-east area of West Sussex. This includes Mid Sussex, Horsham and Crawley.

East Grinstead is extremely fortunate in having, located within the heart of the Town, the Queen Victoria Hospital. This Foundation Trust has consistently scored highly in all national qualitative assessments of Foundation Trusts in recent years and scored second nationally according to a recent inpatient survey. Notwithstanding this there is no evidence to suggest that West Sussex PCT has given serious consideration to opportunities for a further development of a wide tranche of community services on the Holtye Road site to meet local health care needs, an opportunity that is particularly relevant at the present time given the Trust's current service and site development plans that are currently out for consultation under the banner "*Building Our Future.....Your Hospital*" Conversely we are aware of the positive offer that the Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has made to local general practitioners making land available on their site to enable them to provide a range of additional services at a local level. The Town Council welcomes this initiative as it does also their awareness of and commitment to broadening availability times with their proposed enhanced opening times for the Minor Injuries Unit.

The Town Council wishes to make clear that it supports the evidential case being put forward by the Queen Victoria Hospital for enhanced community facilities. Specifically there are opportunities to extend the range of family health services offered to local people currently including visiting consultant run clinics in dermatology, rheumatology, gynaecology, orthopaedics and E.N.T. In addition we see there is a real opportunity to enhance the level of general dental services, including restorative dentistry to support maxillofacial and orthodontics. An out of hours emergency dentistry service is also needed locally.

There would be significant benefits to the growing numbers of local people in all of this, particularly the elderly. Specifically, more specialist services will be available closer to patients homes, there will be a wider variety of services that local patients will be able to access and the Hospital's high clinical standards will be available to more patients.

The Town Council also supports the Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust in their offer to West Sussex PCT to make land available on the campus for the development of a Birthing Centre to serve this part of the north-east area. The Town Council reserves the right to make further comments regarding the provision of Consultant-led midwifery services within the context of phase 2 of the Panel's work focusing on secondary care.

There are other opportunities locally to meet the needs of the local population. They need to be seen in the context of localness. Locality for East Grinstead and its immediate catchment areas for community care needs to be seen in the context of drive times rather than distances. If East Grinstead is to get a strategic allocation of at least 2,500 houses and no relief road (as clearly appears to be the direction of things given the specific wording within the South East Plan) plus significant other housing, then other hospitals at Redhill, Crawley, Haywards Heath and over the border in Kent will no longer be classified as local, given the inevitable congestion which will result.

Accordingly there are seen to be opportunities at the Queen Victoria Hospital for the

existing Regional Centre of Excellence for head and neck cancer to broaden its range of services to incorporate chemotherapy and radiotherapy. This is not solely about diagnostics but ongoing care also for an ageing population. There is also a need, possibly under the Memorandum of Understanding with Brighton and Sussex Universities Hospitals NHS Trust to support closer partnership working, particularly for critical care. Here the Town Council is specifically aware of local individuals travelling to Crawley and Brighton three times a week for dialysis, a service that could be provided at the Queen Victoria Hospital.

The Town Council is concerned about mental health provision in the East Grinstead area and believes there may be opportunities for closer working between the Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and the Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust to enhance community mental health care services for children and adults in the East Grinstead area. The Town Council has no evidence in respect of this issue but assumes that the appropriate Trust will be making this case.

Outline how you believe the gaps/inequities in primary and community care outlined above can best be addressed.

As can be noted from the previous section focusing upon gaps/inequities in provision of and access to primary and community care we believe that many of these gaps for East Grinstead (and catchment) populations can be served at the Queen Victoria Hospital and that the current consultation on redevelopment opportunities presents a once in a generation opportunity for an holistic appraisal. The Queen Victoria Hospital has a 28 bed community hospital – the Jubilee Centre. A range of therapy services supports in-patient health care here. The Trust owns significant landholdings (some 23 acres in total) and there are development opportunities within this as part of rebuilding. The Town Council urges the North East Review to grasp the opportunity currently provided to develop enhanced primary and community care services at the Queen Victoria Hospital and not be blinded by the artificiality of local authority and health trust boundaries.

Additional comments

The Town Council supports the review that is being undertaken but, as in previous comments made to the Fit for the Future consultation, there are concerns that the core focus has been upon the geographical boundary of West Sussex. East Grinstead Town Council is in the extreme north east corner of West Sussex and does not look exclusively to West Sussex for provision of a range of community primary and community care services. In this regard it is absolutely critical that there is close liaison with Surrey, East Sussex and Kent PCTs in order to have an holistic understanding of what services are being provided for the north east West Sussex population by those Trusts and a better understanding of future development intentions across the borders within those areas.

The second general comment to be made relates to population projections as identified for the northeast Review by the West Sussex Public Health Observatory. Here the

projected growth in population is shown to 2016. It is believed that the figures understate the true position and that the forward date projection of 2016 is unhelpful given that the South East Plan now has specific forward growth intentions to 2026. For Mid Sussex this now shows a forward requirement of 18,000 new homes, of which a significant number are likely to be built north of the High Weald. There are concerns that the growth assumptions being predicted by the North East Review may, as a consequence, be understated.

Please list below any documentary evidence that you have used when producing this submission. You do not need to submit the evidence, but the Panel may request copies.

| EVIDENCE | | |
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| Document | Author(s) | Brief description |
| Building our Future – Your Hospital | Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust | Consultation document on services and site development plans. |
| South East Plan | Government Office for the South East | Proposed Changes to draft Regional Spatial Strategy for the South East (July 2008) as issued by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government |
| Profiles Briefing Paper | West Sussex PCT | Public Health Observatory submission to North East Review Stakeholder Forum |
| Fit for the Future | West Sussex PCT | Draft Consultation documents |
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