

Whitehill & Bordon Health Campus and re-provision of Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust services update

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This report provides an update on the development of a health hub in Whitehill & Bordon and the implementation of Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's (HHFT) plans to re-provide outpatient services currently delivered in the local area. It also provides details of alternative provision sourced by the CCG.

2. Development of a health hub

- 2.1. South Eastern Hampshire CCG was unsuccessful in its bid for national NHS England capital funding towards the build costs of a new health hub but is continuing to work with partners to develop the outline business case for the new health hub. The CCG is also exploring alternative sources of capital funding to support the project.
- 2.2. The CCG is aware that there are some concerns about the future of Chase Community Hospital in the local community. There are no plans to close Chase and it will remain open until a new health hub facility can be provided in the new town centre. The hospital will be undergoing work over the next few weeks as the entrances are repainted, the gutters cleared and the front paving slabs replaced with a level surface.
- 2.3. NHS Property Services, which owns the building, is looking for new tenants who are potentially interested in renting some of the unused space within the hospital to provide services for local people. This could include community groups or local businesses that complement services already at the hospital site.

3. Re-provision of Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust services

- 3.1. Following the formal notice given to commissioners in February 2018, and the reports presented to HASC in May, September and November 2018, Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (HHFT) will relocate the majority of its Whitehill & Bordon services to Alton and other locations from April 1, 2019. The x-ray service will relocate from July 1, 2019.
- 3.2. The services will relocate as detailed in the following table. Capacity will remain the same for all services, and to ensure continuity of care all services will be run by the

same consultant and clinical teams. All other HHFT service locations remain available to Whitehill & Bordon GPs and patients.

Clinic	Where will this clinic relocate to?	On what day of the week will it run?	What will be the last clinic date in Whitehill & Bordon?	What will be the first alternative clinic date?
Ophthalmology	Alton Community Hospital and Basingstoke	Wednesday	27 th March	3 rd April
Maxillo-Facial Surgery		Wednesday	27 th March	3 rd April
Orthoptics		Thursday	28 th March	3 rd April
Audiology	Alton Community Hospital	Mon - Fri	28 th March	1 st April
Paediatrics (audiology)	Alton Community Hospital	Monday	25 th March	8 th April
Paediatrics (consultant)	Chawton Park Surgery, Alton	Tuesdays and Thursdays	28 th March	2 nd April
Paediatrics (physio)	Please see note at point 3.3			
X-ray services	Alton Community Hospital	Mon - Fri	w/b 24 th June	1 st July

3.3. The paediatric physiotherapy service accounts for almost 70% of all HHFT paediatric activity in Whitehill & Bordon. It is also recognised that this service in particular supports children, parents and carers that have requirements which makes travel to Alton more difficult than some other patient groups. After further discussion the Trust has agreed that it may be able to continue this service in Whitehill & Bordon but it remains economically unviable to use the Chase Community Hospital. However, a clinical healthcare environment is not essential to running the service and alternative accommodation options are currently being explored.

3.4. The Trust intends to make every effort to ensure those currently using its services at Chase Community Hospital are made aware of the changes. It will communicate with all patients who have appointments booked to be seen at an HHFT service directly by letter. This will be in addition to communication through clinic appointments, in the clinic, through their consultant / service, and by providing information at the hospital.

3.5. The Trust will also publish notices on its website, issue a press release to the local media and through its social media channels to reach the widest audience. This activity will be supported by the CCG who will share the Trust's communications through its social media channels. Communications will be under way in early February, and a timetable of further communication will extend throughout February and March ahead of the March 31 relocation date.

- 3.6. Communication regarding the relocation of x-ray will continue through to the end of June 2019.
- 3.7. Through their Chief Medical Officer, the Trust will communicate with all GPs in Whitehill & Bordon informing them of the relocation and giving assurance that all referral routes to HHFT remain open to them and their patients.

4. Alternative service provision

- 4.1. The CCG has been working with alternative providers to secure services in or closer to the local area.
- 4.2. Royal Surrey County Hospital (RSCH) is providing ophthalmology from Badgerswood Surgery and discussions are ongoing about whether this service could also be offered by Forest Surgery.
- 4.3. RSCH will be providing general paediatrics from the Forest Surgery shortly.
- 4.4. Patients can also choose to be seen by RSCH in Haslemere for ENT, audiology and ophthalmology.
- 4.5. Chase Community Hospital continues to provide a range of services including physiotherapy, baby and children's clinics, podiatry, speech and language therapy, sexual health, Adult and older people's mental health, counselling and screening.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1. The Committee is asked to note this update.