

STAFFORD BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

MEETING BETWEEN SOUTHERN STAFFORDSHIRE PRIMARY CARE TRUST AND STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

DATE OF MEETING: 9 MAY 2008

Officers in Attendance:

Steve Lloyd - Head of Estates Southern Staffordshire Primary Care Trust
Alex Yendole - Principal Planning Officer, Stafford Borough Council

- The Estate Strategy was approved by the Board of South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust on the 30 April 2008 as a high level strategy focusing on how the property portfolio will be used in the future. Specific sites are not referred to in the strategy except for new GP facilities (365 day clinics) at Chase Terrace and Cannock due to be completed and opened this year. SL to provide AY with the approved version of the Estate Strategy
- The Government currently has a policy to reduce the number of single operating GP surgeries and promote 1 stop shops and Polyclinics as future health centres. This will in effect lead to larger facilities and a greater number of GPs in single locations thus leading to increased patient services through economies of scale including minor surgery and access to hospital consultants in the locality. Furthermore other Local Government services could also be provided in such facilities such as a Police presence, Citizens Advice Bureau and ancillary health services for the community.
- Although the Government's approach is being implemented through the South Staffordshire PCT it should be noted that because of the large rural area a balance need to be struck in terms of service delivery through single GP surgeries and the larger facilities. In rural villages single GP's may well continue to operate but become incorporated into the local school or community centre. However in larger urban areas such as Stafford and Stone larger clinics will be promoted as required by the Government. However incorporating other Local Government services within the same facility is a significant step and could require more consideration in the future.
- The lead officer at Staffordshire County Council is Jamie MacDonald in the Strategic Estates Strategy Group liaising with the Primary Care Trust, District Councils and other service providers within Staffordshire County Council.
- There is scope within Stafford Borough for larger facilities to carry out some acute hospital procedures through GP surgeries and health centres. Such facilities could occur on existing sites through extensions to buildings or new build solutions. The Primary Care Trust will engage strict criteria in terms of design to enable future expansion to take place in light of new housing figures.

- The Primary Care Trust's Delivery Plans are based on GP business plans to establish the services and facilities required. GP surgeries have been mapped by the PCT based on walking distances, contact Geraint Griffiths for more details. There have been some improvement to GP surgeries and money used to provide further services and facilities. Funding for 2009/10 and 2010/11 will focus on delivering larger health facilities.
- The next Board meeting in May 2008 will establish how budgets will be phased to deliver the new facilities and building programme. Clearly phasing will be required to ensure delivery of facilities and construction is realistic to the fund available. SL and Geraint Griffiths to promote links between the Primary Care Trust and Staffordshire County Council.
- The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Staffordshire is being led by Judith Wright at the Primary Care Trust. SL to discuss with Judith Wright about the approach for planned health infrastructure over the next 5 to 15 years time frame and feedback to AY or include JW in a future meeting.
- Date of Next Meeting - 9 June 2008. The next meeting to take place at Stafford Borough Council offices with Steve Lloyd only or at Rugeley if Judith Wright is available to discuss the Joint Strategic Need Assessment.

Note prepared by Alex Yendole

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