

**Community
Services
Accommodation**



East Cheshire
NHS Trust

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Background

Scenario:

Middlewood Partnership issued notice of accommodation lease to East Cheshire NHS Trust in November 2022. This occurred as a result of the expansion of the ARR (additional role reimbursement scheme) roles at Priorslegh and Mcllvride practices - consequently more space was required for ARRs at Mcllvride and Priorslegh surgeries.

Impact:

East Cheshire NHS Trust had to look at relocating seven of their community services – working alongside partners to explore suitable alternative locations within the area.

Challenging task due to a number of factors:

- physical environment of the premises which may need to be adapted for clinical use and have CQC registration
- potential impact of sharing space with private providers and the associated conflict of interest
- potential impact of sharing this with other services that may not be clinical.
- lease restrictions of the building need to be considered – for example the length of lease and viability of returning the property to its original state.

Until August it was looking positive that the Trust would be able to relocate all its clinical services to a vacated osteopathic building next door. Upon assessment these premises required changes to the estate that were cost prohibitive – c.£250k.

As a result, some services have subsequently been temporarily relocated, however the challenges above still exist and are still significant blockers to a long-term solution.

Public Engagement

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The public engagement ran from the 29th September to the 3rd November.

219 responses



60 via post



159 online

Most popular modes of transport

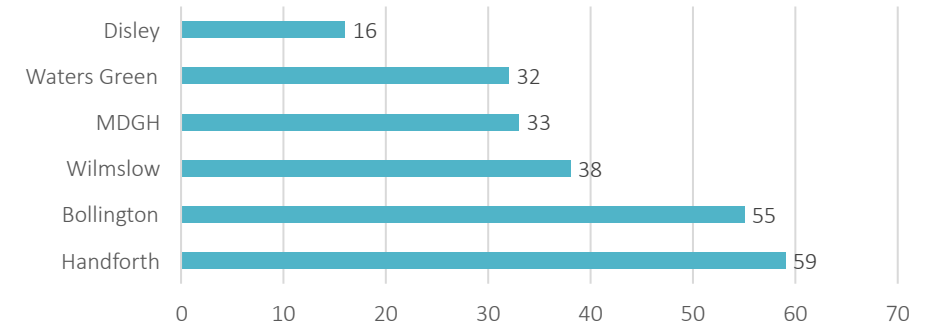


119 respondents



75 respondents

Alternative 'convenient' locations



Key Themes from the responses included:

- Accessibility of travelling further afield for people who can't drive.
- Concerns about the cost of travel and the lack of public transport.
- The availability of parking at alternative locations.
- Patients missing their appointments because of unreliable travel options.

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In response to the feedback to the public engagement, the following actions have been taken:

- Further engagement with all key stakeholders via public meetings and individual communications.
- Liaison with voluntary organisations about support available:
 - Good Neighbours scheme @ Disley
 - Open Hands @ Poynton
- Information is being shared by:
 - Clinicians with patients at appointments,
 - Sign-posting on the Trust web-site to voluntary transport organisations,
 - Posters in key locations.

Interim Solution

Service	Location pre-November	Interim relocation	Frequency of clinics/ sessions per week	Number of patients affected (pts with BDP addresses attending BDP clinics)	Number of patients affected per year (pts with BDP addresses attending BDP clinics)
MSK	Priorslegh	Waters Green, Knutsford, MDGH	6	38	455
Dietetics	Priorslegh	Handforth, MDGH	2	8	93
Podiatry	Mcllvride	Priorslegh	10	17	201
Midwifery	Priorslegh	Poynton & Handforth Childrens Centres	2	15	177
Paeds SALT	Pavilion House ***	Pavilion House, Macc	N/A	1	6
Paeds Audiology	Mcllvride	Health Hub Macc	1	9	98
Adult Audiology	Mcllvride	Health Hub Macc	1	2	21

*** Services already relocated. Pre-consultation services were at Priorslegh

Cheshire East PCN Estate

Primary Care Network (PCN)	Estates Displacement Concerns
Chelford, Handforth, Alderley Edge and Wilmslow (CHAW)	No displacement concerns identified at the current time.
Congleton and Holmes Chapel (CHOC)	No displacement concerns identified at the current time. Community Services utilising Congleton War Memorial Hospital site (plus some District Nurses based at Holmes Chapel Health Centre).
Crewe Eagle Bridge	No displacement concerns identified at the current time.
Crewe GHR	No displacement concerns identified at the current time.
Knutsford	No displacement concerns identified at the current time. Community Services utilising Knutsford and District Community Hospital site.
Macclesfield	No displacement concerns identified at the current time.
Middlewood	A number of Community Services have been displaced from the GP Practice estate in Poynton to allow Primary Care service expansion. Cheshire East Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee aware.
Nantwich & Rural	No displacement concerns identified at the current time.
Sandbach, Middlewich, Alsager, Scholar Green and Haslington (SMASH)	Potential for some Community Services redesign in the SMASH area. Currently under internal review by CCICP (the Community Services provider for South Cheshire). Ashfields Primary Care Centre in Sandbach currently reviewing their building arrangements but it is not felt that this will impact on any services.

Cheshire East Place Estates Plans

Current Position

- Primary Care Network (PCN) Estates Plans being generated across all of the Cheshire and Merseyside ICB PCNs, being led on by the ICB Estates Team. This is due to be published during December 2023 (provisional date). These PCN plans will facilitate an Estates Plan for each of the nine Places within Cheshire and Merseyside.
- For Cheshire East Place this is being led on by Dawn Murphy (Cheshire East Place, Cheshire and Merseyside ICB) and Justin Pidcock (Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust).
- Cheshire East Place estates planning will form part of the wider Cheshire East Place strategic planning currently under way (known as our Place Blueprint Workshops) and already involving Cheshire East Council colleagues.
- The Cheshire and Merseyside ICB Leadership Team will then look to prioritise estates developments across the region accordingly as and when NHS estates funding becomes available.
- There is a current ongoing review of existing NHS estates provision in Knutsford. This will be reviewed as part of the wider ICB strategic prioritisation work and is pending the results of the latest local assessment, which the ICB will be receiving over the next few months.