

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Health & Well Being Scrutiny Committee

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	6 September 2012
<b>Report of:</b>	Andy Bacon, Programme Director, Central and Eastern Cheshire Primary Care Trust (CECPCT)
<b>Subject/Title:</b>	Knutsford Integrated Health and Wellbeing Centre - update

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### 1.0 Report Summary

1.1 The Committee at its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> June considered a report on a proposal to provide a Health and Wellbeing Centre in Knutsford, together with consultations on the application by East Cheshire NHS Trust for Foundation Trust status and for the permanent closure of the Tatton Ward, Knutsford Hospital.

1.2 The Committee agreed as follows:

“RESOLVED: that

- a) there be a formal consultation on the future of health and social care services based in Knutsford, that follows a period of engagement with the population over their needs and explaining the potential benefits to them of new ways of delivering care;
- b) that Option 5 be supported as a method of engagement and consultation comprising two consultations plus additional engagements with the main consultation conducted before bids were received; this method will be dealt with separately from the application of East Cheshire NHS Trust to become a Foundation Trust;
- c) that the detailed methodology by which the engagement and consultation is to be conducted be submitted to a future meeting to enable the Committee to have an input.”

1.3 This report provides an update on the project and seeks views on the timing and content of the consultation process in the light of changed circumstances.

### 2.0 Report

2.1 At the meeting on 14th June 2012, five options were put to the Committee. The Committee agreed that the following factors be taken into account in the evaluation of the options:

- a full and representative range of public views being heard from all parts of the town's (and sub-region's) population that maximises public understanding and minimises confusion
- value for money in respect of the consultation and engagement process
- professional and technical input
- democratic accountability
- legality

- 2.2 Option 5 was presented as the preferred option and was supported as the preferred Option for the engagement and consultation for Knutsford Health and Wellbeing Centre, which involved the following:
- A proposal for a single consultation that incorporates the proposals for both:
    - the closure of Tatton Ward
    - the development of a new clinical model that would be incorporated in the centre.
  - how existing resources will be redesigned to provide more integrated care to:
    - support people to self manage most effectively
    - have in place care plans that support them and their families more effectively to manage their conditions,
    - utilise professional expertise in different ways to bring about increased efficiency.
- 2.3 There would then be a further two separate consultations:
- East Cheshire NHS Trust Foundation Trust application
  - Knutsford Integrated Care Centre (including Ward Closure)
- 2.4 However since that meeting two circumstances have changed:
- there is an increased recognition that the integrated care model represents a significant change in both the way services are provided and how they are funded. The integrated care model will affect every resident in Eastern Cheshire, not just Knutsford. It is therefore recommended that more time is taken to complete the integrated care model and prepare to commence engagement across the whole health and social care economy, not just in Knutsford. These details are expected to be completed by mid-October 2012
  - the Knutsford Town Strategy is having a consultation to be completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 and they have asked that this is completed before the consultation on the Centre (both to save confusion between the consultations and as decisions on the Strategy could affect the options for the centre).
- 2.5 The OSC are asked to consider the following recommendations:
- that there is a change from the initial joint consultation recommendation
  - that the Tatton Ward consultation goes ahead separately, but has links to the commencement of public engagement on the proposed development of a new health and wellbeing facility incorporating the three practices and a range of community and hospital services.
  - that a separate public engagement exercise commences in November 2012 around raising awareness of the opportunities to become involved in / shape the development of integrated patient care across the whole of Eastern Cheshire.
- 2.6 The above approach is recommended for the following reasons:
- it will mean that the population of Knutsford are actively consulted around the Tatton Ward closure without further delay
  - that the practices in Knutsford can start to actively engage with their registered population regarding the potential move to new premises.

- that the vision, opportunities and benefits associated with Integrated Care is coordinated through engagement with the whole of the Eastern Cheshire population.

### **3.0 Wards Affected**

- 3.1 Knutsford, Mobberley and surrounding area and adjoining areas in Cheshire West and Chester.

### **4.0 Local Ward Members**

- 4.1 Stewart Gardiner, Olivia Hunter, Peter Raynes, Jamie Macrae

### **5.0 Access to Information**

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