

## CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

### Health & Well Being Scrutiny Committee

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

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#### **VISION FOR FUTURE CARE IN KNUTSFORD**

##### **'Your GP, Your Specialist and their teams working together for your care in your town'**

The Health and Well Being Centre will be a purpose designed and built facility housing GPs and other professionals, with a wide range of services under one roof, supporting them to work differently together with you, to care for patients, in their town.

The centre will provide a great opportunity for communal access to all the professionals who can meet the populations' health and social care needs. It will facilitate those people to share information and their different skills to care for patients more effectively through a team approach that is enhanced by being in the same building.

It will ensure direct access to services in Knutsford that are aimed at helping patients to get the best health and life outcomes that you can with a team of people who know the patients, and who the patients know.

#### **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 (FT) status and for the permanent closure of the Tatton Ward (TW), Knutsford Hospital. The Committee was updated on 6 September 2012 and agreed to separate the consultations for FT (commenced on 12 Nov 2012) and TW (Commenced on 19 Nov 2012)

1.2 The Committee agreed at its September meeting as follows:

"RESOLVED: that

- the Committee supports the consultation on the permanent closure of the Tatton Ward being conducted as a separate consultation from the Integrated Centre, but with links to the commencement of public engagement on the proposed development of a new health and wellbeing facility; and
- the Committee supports the holding of a separate public engagement exercise commencing in November 2012 around raising awareness of the opportunities

to become involved in and shape the development of integrated patient care across the whole of Eastern Cheshire.

- 1.3 This report provides an update on the project and seeks views on the revised timing and content of the consultation process in the light of changed circumstances. It suggests the nature of the key questions to be asked, the timing needed for the consultation. The detailed wording of the consultation has not yet been agreed.

## **2.0 Report**

- 2.1 The FT and TW consultations are underway (along with the Knutsford Town Strategy consultation) and hence the “consultation arena” is quite full at present. These are scheduled to end on 17 Feb 2013 and 24 Feb 2013 respectively.

- 2.2 Local GPs have been now had 2 formal meetings to develop new clinical models. A health needs assessment has also been completed which shows that the key services for Knutsford patients are those services that will look after the average resident that will live for 14-15 years with a disability or limiting long term illness after the age of 65 for men and 67 for women. These pieces of work are expected to have an outline clinical specification by the end of February 2013 and a more detailed one ready by early summer next year. Local neighbourhood teams have also started to meet to develop a more integrated approach to care.

- 2.3 Engagement activity with patient groups has started and meetings with the Knutsford Town Council and Town Plan representatives group continue on a monthly basis. A series of articles are being published in the Knutsford Guardian and Knutsford.com to inform the population of the background to the changes these are being written by the various partners in the development and representatives of the groups.

- 2.4 The CCG has sought to use existing public sector communications and engagement resources to oversee the details of the consultation and engagement but has been unsuccessful. It is now looking more widely to get this external support.

- 2.5 In view of:
- the on-going clinical work,
  - to ensure clear separation from the FT and TW consultations and
  - to enable the recruitment of suitable leadership for the communications and engagement,

it is proposed that the engagement period be extended from the end of January to mid-February. This would result in the Consultation start being delayed by 6 weeks. This time could be made up by reducing the period of consultation by the same amount (consultations can be between 2 and 18 weeks). However in view of the contentious nature of this development, it is recommended that this option is not taken and that the whole programme is delayed by 6 weeks. (Note: this may also be a period where the Town Strategy has been further developed and could provide more clarity)

- 2.6 The OSC are asked to consider the following recommendations:
- There is an extension to the engagement period of 6 weeks to enable more views to be heard.
  - The Knutsford Health and Wellbeing Centre consultation starts in March 2013 (after the end of this engagement period).
  - The Knutsford Health and Wellbeing Centre is consulted on for the normal 12 weeks.
- 2.7 The OSC are invited to comment on the draft Consultation details (attached). In particular, that they agree that the two key questions posed are about the co-location of the 3 GP practices and the site of the new centre. No change in the range of existing services is currently planned but individual service arrangements may change and these changes (and any in range) will be brought to the OSC's attention and will be engaged upon or consulted upon as necessary.
- 2.8 The above approach is recommended for the following reasons:
- It will mean that the population of Knutsford are actively consulted and that this is a clear and separate consultation to that around the FT and TW.
  - The period of active engagement is extended, allowing for more time for public and clinical input with all the population(s) that currently use the existing services.
  - The timetable for the new centre is within the gift of the partners and there is no benefit in completing it early.

### **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, Steve Wilkinson, George Walton

### **5.0 Access to Information**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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