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# **WRINGTON VALE MEDICAL PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER**

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**Progress on Detailed Business Case by Practice and how your voice  
has been heard!**

Representatives of Wrington Vale Medical Practice attended an informal closed PCT Board Seminar on 29 September to present their progress on development of a detailed business case following the consultation.

Dr Shruti Patel gave a professional presentation and was accompanied by Dr Alan McClatchey, Dr Joanna King and Jose Tarnowski.

The Practice outlined how they had reduced the long list of options outlined in the consultation to a shortlist of three:

1. Retain existing two sites with no expansion but to do the essential improvements required to bring them up to standard to comply with Disability Discrimination Act and Infection Control etc.
2. Move to a new single site

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3. Two sites – One purpose built new building plus retention of a site in Wrington to maintain appropriate level of service for those patients only able to access care in Wrington

As you all know the practice's own original preferred option was to have one site. However as a result of listening to the conversations during the consultation, the practice recognised that there is minority of patients in Wrington who would find it difficult to access the one site (presuming it was outside Wrington). Therefore the practice has revised its position and now suggests that the two current sites are closed and are replaced by a new purpose built surgery on a new site but a service is retained in Wrington for those vulnerable patients who require it. This service would be out of rented premises and the level of service provided will be based on an assessment of need for this group of patients and will include pre bookable and same day appointments. For patients who have an urgent need and are unable to get to the practice premises, the practice has confirmed they will continue to provide a home visit. The practice already provides a higher than average rate of home visits as they recognise this is a service that their patients appreciate and require: there are many patients across the practice areas that have difficulty in travelling to the current sites.

The next steps are:

- The practice is undertaking a robust and transparent procurement process to appoint a third party developer to work with them on the development of the business case.

- The developer (once appointed) will undertake a site survey to identify if there are any other potential sites available for the new build.

The practice will then work with the developer to fully cost the above three options and complete a detailed business case.

### **Ongoing involvement and engagement of the public**

Now that the formal consultation has been completed and the business case is being formulated by the practice, the role of the PCT in leading ongoing engagement and involvement around the proposed development for WVMP has come to an end. The practice is keen to take over this responsibility as they finalise the business case.

Therefore the PCT will retain a Wrington Vale Project Board but has agreed to stand down both the Consultation Reference Group and the Business Case Review Group.

The consultation reference group (CRG) was set up to act as advisors to NHS North Somerset with regard to how best to include local voices within the formal consultation process. It was agreed to continue the CRG to monitor post consultation communication and to ensure public involvement as the business case was developed. Now that the practice is leading on the continued public involvement a final meeting of the Consultation Reference Group was held on Wed 13 October where the practice was invited to present their progress to date. The practice hope to continue to use the membership of the CRG as a communication channel to keep the wider population informed.

## WVMP Project Board

The membership of the project board is:

- Jeanette George as the senior responsible officer for NHS North Somerset (Chair)
- Members of the local community to include;  
3 lay representatives:  
Paul Robinson, D'arcy Parkes, and Brenden Hill  
A LINK's Representative, Georgie Biggs or Dick Whittington
- The Director of Public Health, Becky Pollard
- The Director of Quality and Redesign, Julie Clatworthy
- The Director of Finance, Mary Hutton
- A Professional Executive Committee member, Kath Williams
- Project Team Leader, Penny Hynds
- A General Practitioner – Richard Darling

The purpose of the Project Board is:

- The PB, as part of the business case assurance process, will apply an agreed evaluation tool that reflects the criteria tested through the consultation, to the identified options in the final business case.
- Based on this evaluation a recommendation will be produced for the NHS North Somerset Trust Board.
- The PB will **not** make the decision on the future development of WVMP
- The PB, in liaison with the HOSP will sign off the consultation process

The approved minutes of these Board meetings are published on the website and can be found at

<http://www.northsomerset.nhs.uk/WringtonChurchill/default.asp>

If you would like a copy of the minutes in any other format please contact the Consultation Team on 01275 546706.

### **Ongoing involvement and engagement**

As previously mentioned the practice is keen to lead the future involvement and engagement with their practice population as they progress their business case.

The Practice intends to continue to keep patients informed of progress by continuing with a regular Newsletter, which will continue to be available in the practice surgeries, practice website and on the PCT website.

### **Public Meeting**

In addition they intend to hold a public meeting on the evening of **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm in Shipham Village Hall**, to inform patients of their progress before the paper is submitted to the PCT Board.

Therefore if you wish to have any further information around progress or express your views you should contact Jose Tarnowski, Practice Manager on:

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