

Designing Your Future Local Health Services in Stoke-on-Trent and North Staffordshire

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North Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) are in the process of gathering the views of local people in the design of high quality, accessible and affordable local health services that meet your needs in and around the Community Hospitals.

This is a much broader picture than just the hospital buildings at Bradwell, Cheadle, Haywood, Longton Cottage and Leek Moorlands as it is about making sure the right services are in the right place at the right time, whether these services are provided from the hospital location, GP Practices or other health service providers.

We are in the process of working with local stakeholders to develop a pre-consultation business case with viable scenarios for each location on which we will formally consult later in the year.

Background

Over recent years we have been talking to you about the proposed model of care of providing care closer to home. We know that we have received criticism for the way in which the model has been implemented and we acknowledge, that due to external factors such as the elections and the necessary assurance processes that are in place, some people are feeling frustrated. So, we want to take an opportunity to let you know what's going on and what has happened so far.



As the diagram shows, we have been on a journey to gathering your view on how we could deliver the best services to all patients to meet their changing health needs. This has taken a long time but we now have a plan in place to formally consult later this year. We have also commissioned the Consultation Institute to help us to make sure we get this right and use best practice in the way we do this.

What has been happening over the past few months?

The information and ideas you provided in a public survey and feedback from the Listening Events we held from October to December 2017 was independently analysed by the Centre for Health and Development.

We used this information, along with a lot of information about the services currently provided at the Community Hospitals and analysis of local health needs at an Options Development Event on 23rd January 2018. We are working towards producing a set of viable alternatives for formal consultation.



The event was attended by over 70 people, including representatives from provider organisations, Local Authorities and GP Localities, as well as patient representatives and the voluntary sector.

Working in groups, people reviewed the information about each location and reduced the long list to a shorter list and considered the criteria against which the list will be evaluated.

All the information used and photos of the information gathered at the event can be found on the CCGs' websites at: [Options Development Event](#)

The CCGs presented the clinical case and need for change at the West Midlands Clinical Senate Council on 31 January.

Next steps

An Options Appraisal event takes place on 14 February. All the attendees from the January event will be there to work together to produce a set of scenarios for each of the five community hospitals.

Once the scenarios have been developed further, they will be included as part of our Pre-Consultation Business Case, which we will submit to NHS England for their consideration and to go through their assurance process to make sure that we have considered everything that we need to and that our proposals meet their tests. This process is likely to take a couple of months.

Only when that process has been completed will we be able to formally consult on the proposals and no decisions will be made until this process is complete.

We will keep you updated as we work through the process. We will be open and transparent throughout and will publish all of the information you need here:-

<https://www.stokeccg.nhs.uk/stoke-get-involved/consultation-engagement/the-future-of-local-health-services>

and

<https://www.northstaffsccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/consultation-engagement/the-future-of-local-health-services>