



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH COMMISSION
16 JANUARY 2006

Report of the Director of Corporate Services

Reconfiguration of a GP Surgery

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 The Commission is asked to note the action being taken by the Central and Greater Derby Primary Care Trusts in response to the planned retirement of Dr J M S Paul.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Central & Greater Derby PCT received formal notice from Dr J M S Paul of his intention to resign from his Primary Medical Services Contract with effect from 30 November 2005. Dr Paul operated a single-handed practice with a list size of 3100 patients, based at Normanton Medical Centre, 151 St Thomas Road, Derby.
- 2.2 The PCT are progressing a tendering process to identify a successor contractor to ensure maintenance of services to patients in the Normanton/Pearlree area and will manage and run the practice as an interim measure until such time that the process is complete.
- 2.3 It is intended that primary medical services will continue to be provided from the current surgery. Lease discussions with the current property owner are on going to facilitate this.
- 2.4 The PCT states that it has informed patients of Normanton Medical Centre by letter, giving notification of this change in service delivery. Posters are also clearly displayed in the practice with this information included. It will write again directly to each patient of Normanton Medical Centre, to inform them of the final solution with regard the long term successor contractor, once interview and selection via the tendering process are complete. It is anticipated that this will be within six weeks of Dr Paul's resignation date.

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Background papers: None

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| IMPLICATIONS |
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Financial

1.1 None.

Legal

2.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2001 provides overview and scrutiny committees powers to review any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services within their area. It also requires the local NHS health bodies to consult their respective overview and scrutiny committees on proposals for substantial development or variations in the service

Personnel

3.1 None.

Equalities Impact

4.1 None.

Corporate Objectives and Priorities

5.1 The report supports the Corporate Objectives of **a diverse, attractive and healthy environment** and the priorities of **modernising social care**.



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Briefing paper: GP Retirement notification

PURPOSE OF THE PAPER

The purpose of this briefing paper is to ensure that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee are fully updated on the planning for a change of service provision, in response to a planned GP resignation. This matter was also discussed at the meeting of the committee on the 3rd October when Rosemary Stuckey and Trish Thompson attended to present the workforce planning for General Practice for the next few years.

BACKGROUND

Central & Greater Derby PCT have received formal notice of intention to resign from his Primary Medical Services Contract, from Dr J M S Paul. The resignation comes into effect on 30th November 2005. Dr Paul currently runs a single-handed practice with a list size of 3100 patients, based at Normanton Medical Centre, 151 St Thomas Road, Derby DE23 8RH. As previously stated to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, single-handed GPs contractually need to give just three months notice of resignation.

The PCT are currently progressing a tendering process, to identify a successor contractor to ensure maintenance of services to patients in the Normanton/Peartree area. This process will not be complete for 30th November. The PCT will therefore manage and run the practice as an interim measure; until such time that the interview/selection process for the successor contractor is complete.

It is intended that primary medical services will continue to be provided from the current surgery. Lease discussions with the current property owner are on going to facilitate this.

NOTIFICATION TO PATIENTS

The PCT has informed patients of Normanton Medical Centre by letter, giving notification of this change in service delivery. Posters are also clearly displayed in the practice with this information included. Patient information sent out includes contact numbers of patient support services that are able to advise the patient regarding any queries, and new registration if required (e.g. Patient Advice & Liaison Service).

The PCT will write again directly to each patient of Normanton Medical Centre, to inform them of the final solution with regard the long term successor contractor, once interview and selection via the tendering process are complete. It is anticipated that this will be within six weeks of Dr Paul's resignation date.

DATE OF SERVICE CHANGE

The date of change in service delivery outlined above is 1st December 2005. Central & Greater Derby PCT are committed to delivering high quality services to all patients.

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