

**Northumberland County Council**

**Primary Care Applications Working Group**

**Monitoring Report**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the Primary Care Applications Working Group is to scrutinise and comment upon applications for variations to primary care services as consultee on behalf of Northumberland County Council's Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## **Composition**

The Working Party will consist of four Members of the Health & Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee, including the Chair and Vice-Chair.

## **Meetings**

The Working Group will consist of four Members of the Health & Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee, including the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Local Members from areas affected by applications, as well as Officers and applicants or their representatives, will attend meetings as appropriate for business on the agenda.

A standing invite will be offered to HealthWatch Northumberland.

## **Role and Activities**

The Working Party's role and activities will include:

- Acting as consultee for applications referred to the Council by the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB), NHS England, Northumbria Healthcare, Northumberland County Councillors, or directly by members of the public
- Receiving advice from ICB and Officers
- Gathering evidence from applicants
- Reaching consensus on responses to applications
- Reporting back to the Health & Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee annually via publication of the Working Group's monitoring report or as required by the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Ref	Date	Report	Info	Decision
1	25 July 2017	<b>Cambois Branch Surgery</b>	Cambois Branch Surgery	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the position be noted
2	15 November 2017	<b>Rothbury GP practice</b>	To receive updates relating to the proposal that Rothbury GP practice move into Rothbury Community Hospital and the recent closure of Coquetdale Dental Practice	<b>RESOLVED</b> to suggest that the Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive a Report from NHS England, preferably at the 16 January 2018 Meeting, providing Members with the opportunity to offer a useful and positive response
3	14 December 2017	<b>Stamfordham branch surgery of the White Medical Group</b>	To receive update relating to the proposal that the Stamfordham branch surgery of the White Medical Group be closed	<b>RESOLVED</b> to:  a) support approval of the application as the appropriate way forward  b) note that comment from the local Member would be an important input to the process.
4	19 June 2018	<b>Collingwood Medical Practice, Blyth</b>	To consider future medical provision for patients of the Collingwood Medical practice	<b>RESOLVED</b> that:  a) the Primary Care Commissioning Committee be advised that this Working party supports the option to disperse the list of Collingwood's patients; and  b) a verbal update on this matter be presented to the next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

5	23 September 2019	<b>Tweedmouth Dental Clinic</b>	To consider a re-application for a change in location for Tweedmouth Dental Clinic.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the re-application be fully supported and this Working Party's views be submitted into the consultation process.
6	24 January 2020	<b>Riversdale Surgery, Wylam.</b>	To consider an application for a change in location for delivery of primary care services from Riversdale Surgery, Wylam	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Working Party's views be reported to the Primary Care Commissioning Committee.
7	4 August 2020	<b>Merger between Lintonville Medical Group, Brockwell Medical Group and Wellway Medical Group</b>	To consider the proposed contract merger between Lintonville Medical Group, Brockwell Medical Group and Wellway Medical Group	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Working Party endorse the proposal for the contract merger as set out in the presentation provided.
8	1 December 2020	<b>The Gables Branch Surgery, Cambois</b>	To consider the proposal to close the Gables Surgery Branch and scrutinise and consider the implications of the requested variation to primary medical care services	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Working Group endorse the proposal for branch surgery closure at Cambois as set out in the report
9	2 February 2021	<b>Felton Surgery Relocation</b>	To consider a proposal for the temporary relocation of Felton Surgery and Dispensary to Widdrington Surgery	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Working Group endorse the proposal for the temporary relocation of the Felton Surgery and Dispensary to Widdrington as set out in the report
10	10 August 2021	<b>Elsdon Avenue Surgery</b>	To consider a proposal for new build premises for the Elsdon Avenue Surgery.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Working Group endorse the proposal for a new build for the Elsdon Avenue Surgery, as set out in the report
11	10 August 2021	<b>The Alnwick Medical Group: Longhoughton Branch</b>	To consider a proposal to close the branch surgery operations in Longhoughton.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that:  The proposed application be noted, and  A further report be presented to the Working Group to advice on the outcomes of the views expressed during the engagement activities before reaching a decision on this application.
12	7 December 2021	<b>Operation Hadrian</b>	To consider a proposal to develop a state-of-the-art Integrated Care Hub in Cramlington, based in a purpose-built facility at Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital (NSECH)	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Working Group endorse the proposal to relocate the Brockwell surgery to the NSECH hospital site to support the effective delivery of high

				quality safe primary care services in a fit for purpose building.
13	12 April 2022	<b>Cheviot and Glendale</b>	To consider a proposal to merge Cheviot Medical Group and Glendale Surgery.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Working Group support the request to merge the Cheviot Medical Group and Glendale Surgery practices to support the effective and sustainable delivery of high quality safe primary care services.
14	31 May 2022	<b>Ponteland Medical Group – Dinnington Branch</b>	To consider a proposal to develop a new practice premises building to accommodate the surgery at Dinnington, a branch of Ponteland Medical Group, via a third-party developer – Argon Property Development Solutions (“APDS”)	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Working Group support the request for a new build in Dinnington Village for the Ponteland Medical Group, Dinnington Branch Surgery, to support the effective delivery of high quality safe primary care services in a fit for purpose building.
15	4 October 2022	<b>The Alnwick Medical Group – Longhoughton Branch</b>	To consider a proposal to close the branch surgery operations in Longhoughton. It was agreed in August 2021, that a further report would be brought back to the working group to advice on the outcomes of the views expressed during the engagement activities before reaching a decision on this application.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that further investigation work be carried out with Westfield Park Sports Complex to explore if primary care services could be delivered regularly from their site.
16	6 December 2022	<b>Proposed Relocation of Dr J Old Dental Practice</b>	The proposal is to merge two part-time single surgery dental practices. The practices are both located in NHS medical centers at Bedlington Station (3 days per week) and Widdrington Station (2 days per week).	<b>RESOLVED</b> that further discussions take place between NHS England and Dr Old before a decision is reached.
17	2 May 2023	<b>Lloyds Pharmacy, Cramlington</b>	To discuss the proposed closure of Lloyds Pharmacy, operating from Sainsbury’s supermarket, Manor Walks, Cramlington.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Working Group: a) note the new developments and the action being taken to mitigate against the risks to Northumberland residents.

				b) be kept informed of any further developments.
18	1 August 2023	<b>Northumbria Primary Care notification re Darras Hall Closure</b>	This report details the application made by Northumbria Primary Care and Ponteland Medical Group to close a branch site.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Working Group: a) note the proposals. b) A report be brought back to the Group following the consultation
19	3 October 2023	<b>Proposed Merger of Widdrington and Bedlington Dental Practice – Dr J Old Dental Surgery</b>	To receive an update report	<b>RESOLVED</b> that: a) the Working Group agree the engagement activities taken place had been appropriate. b) the ICB ensure that the parish council be consulted as part of the wider consultee list. c) members agree with the proposals to close Dr Old's Dental Surgery in Widdrington and move all dentistry provision to the Bedlington site.
20	3 October 2023	<b>Alnwick Medical Group Longhoughton Branch Final Engagement Report</b>	To receive an update report in relation to engagement in relation to Primary Care Medical Services provision at Longhoughton	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the implications of the final engagement report and the proposed continued engagement process to support the sustainable, effective delivery of high quality safe primary care services in a fit for purpose building be considered and scrutinised.
21	5 December 2023	<b>Ponteland Medical Group – Darras Hall Surgery Services Cessation Final Engagement Report</b>	To receive the update report on engagement in relation to Primary Care Medical Services provision at the Darras Hall Surgery.	After consideration it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Primary Care Applications Working Group:

				<p>a) Scrutinise and consider the implications of the final engagement report and the proposed continued engagement process to support the sustainable, effective delivery of high quality safe primary care services in a fit for purpose building.</p> <p>b) Support the application to close the Darras Hall Surgery.</p> <p>c) A further update report be presented to Members in 12 months' time to see the impact of the change.</p>
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