

County HOSC

Agenda Item 2 Question Time

Responses to supplementary questions from Guiliana Foster

1. Where has the ICB gained its evidence regarding the needs of the local population?

The ICB has analysed patient activity data for the local population to understand the health needs of the local population and where and in what setting they are receiving healthcare - this was both public health data and NHS activity data.

Insights from key LLR surveys and patient feedback has also been used, along with involvement of key stakeholders, including local clinicians and local providers via a Steering Group which collaboratively agreed the Lutterworth Health Care Plan. We have also considered the impact of the considerable housing growth in the area over the next 10-15 years.

2. What is an enhanced procedure suite? Are the 6 consultation rooms only for outpatient clinics or are there other uses in mind?

An enhanced procedure suite is a sterile room that is used to carry out minor surgical procedures that do not require an overnight hospital stay or significant recovery time.

The rooms will be used by both UHL and LPT for a range of outpatient and community clinics.

3. The ICB said “The proposal sets out a wide range of specialities and procedures that could be delivered from FPCH”, they did not use the word ‘can’. What assurances can the ICB give that outpatient diagnostic clinics will be instigated at Feilding Palmer, in view of what the diagnostic plans are for Hinckley and Market Harborough?

FPCH will provide low-level diagnostic tests which will include:

- Echocardiography
- Non obstetric ultrasound
- Colposcopies
- Biopsies

The ICB is committed to increasing services in Lutterworth to bring care closer to home to reduce travel times for the local population.

4. Re the £5.8 million funding identified required for the refurbishment how confident is the ICB they will be able to secure this money? Given the funding for Hinckley CDC was dependent on demonstrating extra capacity at Hinckley, will plans for Feilding Palmer have to meet the same criteria as Hinckley did in order to secure the funding?

The refurbishment of FPCH is being funded by NHS system capital funds, there are no national funds for the scheme. Therefore, we do not have to follow a national process so won't be dependent upon the same criteria as the Hinckley CDC which is being funded by national funds.

Agenda Item 9: Lutterworth Health Services

Question from Ross Hills – What is the timeline for the consultation/construction project?

Please see the timeline below:

	Target date
PCBC submission	July 23
PCBC approval	October 23
Consultation period start	October 23
Consultation period end	January 24
Consultation feedback available	February 24
Decision Making Business Case completed	March 24
Decision Making Business Case approval	April 24
Procure 22 Principal Supply Chain Partners (PSCP) appointment complete	May 24
Capital business case submission	July 24
Capital business case approval	September 24
Construction contract signed	October 24
Construction start	January 2025
Construction complete	December 2025
Building occupation	January 2026
Post Project Evaluation	January 2027

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Questions from Rachel Hall

1. The answer to question 1 states that “the service specification stipulates that in-reach (hostel based) support is linked to accommodation... however this is not the same as saying that the funding should pay for the accommodation itself”. However, I would like clarification on this because there are a number of other statements that have led us to infer that the funding has included accommodation, things like ‘hours of operation for supported accommodation is 24/7 365 days a year’ and we must employ all staff for safe running of the supported accommodation and the hostel premises must be compliant.

Response:

The service specification stipulates that in-reach (hostel based) support is linked to accommodation equivalent to 30 bed spaces across Leicestershire. In order to provide support within any setting, the Council requires assurance that the setting is safe and compliant for those being supported. This is not the same as saying that the funding should pay for the accommodation itself.

2. Has an impact assessment been carried out on the impacts of decommissioning the service and the wider impacts of the proposal?

Response:

A draft proposal was developed following a review of existing provision, a review of need, and a review of the duties of the County Council. This work also included analysis of benefits, risks and impact of the proposal. A draft Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has also been completed.

The impact of a change in service model will be informed by the outcome of consultation and a final EIA will be produced. This will be presented to Cabinet in November.

3. Did any face to face focus groups take place? Is there any evidence of this?

Response:

Two face to face sessions were held at Loughborough library to talk through the proposal and provide information on how individuals could have their say. At these

sessions, we collated feedback from participants and provided hard copies of consultation packs for participants to take away. County council staff were also available to support completion of the survey on-site. Space was also made available at Loughborough library for participants to complete a survey.

4. I appreciate that one of the factors behind the proposals is the need for LCC to save money, but what other factors are behind the proposals? How has it been established that the proposed model will better align with the duties of the Council and local need?

Response:

This is set out in the report presented to the Cabinet on 23 June 2023. A link to the report is provided below. Particular attention is drawn to paragraph 24 of the report which states 'This proposal has been developed based on the review of existing provision, a review of need, a review of the public health grant conditions, and the latest MTFS requirement'.

<https://politics.leics.gov.uk/documents/s177126/2023.06.23%20Cabinet%20Report%20Homelessness%20Consultation.pdf>