

Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

18 January 2019

New Seaham Medical Group



Report of Corporate Management Team

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Electoral division(s) affected:

Deneside, Dawdon, Seaham, Murton

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To advise the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee of patient and stakeholder engagement being undertaken by the New Seaham Medical Group regarding future service provision across the practice locality.

Executive summary

- 2 Notification has been received from representatives of New Seaham Medical Group informing the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee of arrangements for patient and stakeholder engagement regarding proposals to vacate Seaham Primary Care Centre and move all existing staff and services to Eastlea Surgery.
- 3 The Committee are advised that the practice commenced a patient and stakeholder engagement process on 11 December 2018 which will run until 5 February 2019. The Practice has written to all patients advising them of the issues facing New Seaham Medical Group and plans for two public meetings to enable patients to discuss these issues.
- 4 Representatives of the practice have been invited to attend the Committee to inform members of the rationale behind the proposed changes and the initial feedback from the engagement activity.

Recommendation

- 5 Members of the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are requested to receive this report and consider and comment on the report and the proposed patient and stakeholder engagement activity.

Background

- 6 At its meeting held on 15 November 2018 the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee during consideration of media relations items members noted recent press coverage of plans to reduce service provision across the Skerne Medical Group, specifically the potential reduction in the number of branch sites served by the practice.
- 7 During consideration of the item, the Committee expressed its ongoing concern regarding the provision of and access to GP services across County Durham and to this end agreed to undertake a review on the issue.
- 8 Subsequent notification has been received from representatives of New Seaham Medical Group informing the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee of arrangements for patient and stakeholder engagement regarding proposals to vacate Seaham Primary Care Centre and move all existing staff and services to Eastlea Surgery.
- 9 Two public engagement events are planned as follows:-

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| Eastlea Community Centre Stockton Rd, Seaham SR7 8DX | Tuesday 15 th January at 6.15pm to 7.30pm |
| Old Scouts Social Club, Dow House South Crescent, Seaham SR7 7HD | Monday 14th January 6.15pm to 7.30pm |

Considerations

- 10 Representatives of Group will report to the Committee upon the initial findings of the patient and stakeholder engagement activity.
- 11 Members are also asked to consider and comment on the patient and stakeholder engagement plan attached to this report.

Main implications

Consultation

- 12 New Seaham Medical Group is undertaking formal patient and stakeholder engagement on the proposals.

Legal

- 13 This report has been produced in accordance with the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and wellbeing boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 as they relate to the National Health Service Act 2006 governing the local authority health scrutiny function.

Conclusion

- 14 In view of the Committee's previous concerns regarding the provision of and access to GP services across County Durham, representatives of New Seaham Medical Group have been requested to attend the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to report upon the rationale for proposals.

Background papers

- None

Other useful documents

- Department of Health Local Authority Health Scrutiny Guidance June 2014

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

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Finance

Not applicable

Consultation

New Seaham Medical Group is undertaking patient and stakeholder engagement.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

Not applicable

Human Rights

Not applicable

Crime and Disorder

Not applicable

Staffing

Not applicable

Accommodation

Not applicable

Risk

Not applicable

Procurement

Not applicable

Appendix 2: Proposed New Seaham Medical Group patient and stakeholder engagement plan

Attached as a separate document.