Motion for STC Full Council Meeting: 8 Nov 21 at STFC Montgomery Meadow

This Council notes that:

Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group/Integrated Care System (CCG) has secured funding for a new Model of Primary Health Care Delivery, called a Cavell Health and Wellbeing Hub.

The CCG produced a Document called "A proposed new Health and Wellbeing Hub for Shrewsbury" which advertised to be a part of a listening exercise in September.

This Document states: "We are undertaking a listening exercise so we can understand what is important to local people when they are accessing GP services and their views on whether they think a health and wellbeing hub would be beneficial for themselves and their local community."

The methodology for 'listening' has not been fully explained and the exercise received only 1300 responses, most of which were electronic. The 1300 responses were out of 65,000 patients registered at the 8 General Practice Surgeries likely to be affected by the proposals. Many patients were unaware of the exercise.

As a result of these proposals for a Health Hub in Shrewsbury, there are 8 GP Surgeries likely to close or have their services dramatically reduced or significantly altered. They are:

- The Beeches Medical Practice, Beeches Road, Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury, SY3 0PF
- Claremont Bank Surgery, Claremont Bank, Shrewsbury, SY1 1RL
- Mytton Oak Surgery, Mytton Oak Surgery, Racecourse Lane, Shrewsbury, SY3 5LZ
- Radbrook Green Surgery, Bank Farm Road, Radbrook Green, Shrewsbury, SY3 6DU
- Belvidere Medical Practice, 23 Belvidere Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 5LS
- Marden Medical Practice, 25 Sutton Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6DL
- Marysville Medical Practice, Brook Street, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury, SY3 7QR
- South Hermitage Surgery, 16 South Hermitage, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury, SY3 7JS

These proposals are significant and would result in a major change in how commissioned Primary Health Care services are provided in Shrewsbury.

Under the National Health Service Act 2006 (as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012), CCGs and NHS England have duties to involve the public in commissioning, (under sections 14Z2 and 13Q respectively).

Under the above Act, the CCG must make arrangements to involve individuals in the development and consideration of proposals that have an impact on how services are delivered, including Health Hub proposals.

Given the size and nature of this proposal from the NHS, a Public funded Service, it should trigger formal Consultation at all appropriate stages, which must adhere to The Gunning Principles, namely:

- 1. that consultation must be at a time when proposals are still at a formative stage;
- 2. that the proposer must give sufficient reasons for any proposal to permit intelligent consideration and response;
- 3. that adequate time is given for consideration and response; and
- 4. that the product of consultation is conscientiously taken into account when finalising the decision.

The CCG should provide a Full Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA), as well as a Quality Impact Assessment (QIA), because the proposal for a central hub to provide primary care will create access issues for many individuals in various disadvantaged groups.

Accordingly, there needs to be much greater public scrutiny of the proposed Shrewsbury Cavell Health and Wellbeing Hub.

This Council therefore requires Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group/Integrated Care System to

- 1) keep Shrewsbury Town Council updated on the proposed Shrewsbury Cavell Health and Wellbeing Hub and their plans for altering Primary Care Services and closing GP surgeries in Shrewsbury;
- 2) conduct and present an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) and Quality Impact Assessment (QIA) on their Health Hub proposals to The Council;
- make a presentation to The Council at its December 2021 Meeting which fully describes the proposals and other options considered, the methodology, stages and timing of planned Consultations and the results of the recent listening exercise in September;
- 4) notify this Council of any further Consultations on Primary Care in Shrewsbury before decisions are taken.

Proposer: Cllr Bernie Bentick

Seconder: Cllr David Vasmer

References for further information:

https://shropshire.gov.uk/public-health/health-and-wellbeing-board/joint-health-and-wellbeing-strategy/

https://www.shropshiretelfordandwrekinccg.nhs.uk/your-health/health-advice/selfcare/get-involved/past-conversations/shrewsbury-health-and-wellbeing-hub/ -then click on "Please click here for more information"

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