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Report of NHS Peterborough

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WALK-IN SERVICES

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform the Commission of NHS Peterborough's consultation on the future provision of services at the Alma Road surgery.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To consider and comment on the Consultation Document including the Equality Impact Assessment and the Communication & Engagement Strategy specifically on NHS Peterborough's intention to consult over an eight week period.
- 2.2 To consider and comment on the options presented and NHS Peterborough's preferred option.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Alma Road provides a walk in service for registered and non-registered patients and was commissioned following the Interim Report by Lord Darzi in October 2007.

As part of the changes to the health economy and infrastructure that are currently taking place, NHS Peterborough is in the process of reviewing all of the elements of its urgent and out of hours care provision. This review includes the current services provided from the Alma Road practice.

Our aim is to rationalise current provision so that patients have access to high quality services, in an integrated manner and in a way that delivers high quality and efficient healthcare.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 Key messages from the previous consultation included:
- Access for vulnerable and excluded groups
 - Access for socio-economic migrants
 - Provision of additional walk in services
 - The number of patients the current service caters for
 - Other services and developments in the city
 - Capacity across the health care economy for the re- provision of the existing service

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1
- Financial implications of retaining the current services in the context of the Primary Care Trust's financial turnaround programme.
 - Statutory duty of the PCT to reach financial balance.
 - The re provision of services with a specific impact on Central, Park and North wards.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Previous consultation has taken place including the PCT financial turnaround plan which was agreed at the June 2010 board meeting.

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 7.1 The NHS Peterborough Turnaround Plan.

8. APPENDICES

- 8.1 Appendix 1 - 'The Right Care at the Right Time' Consultation Document and Equality Impact Assessment
Appendix 2 - Consultation, Communication and Engagement Strategy