

## NHS PETERBOROUGH

### PROVISION OF PRIMARY CARE IN RURAL AREAS

#### 1 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide further detailed information relating to the current commissioned Primary Care services in the rural areas of Peterborough.

#### 2 GP Services - Background

- 2.1 NHS Peterborough commissions Primary Medical Services using NHS Regulations and Contracts pertaining to Primary Care. These contracts relate to the delivery of Essential and Additional Services to a defined registered patient list. There are also a range of separate contractual agreements for Enhanced Services, which are either Nationally or Locally defined. These Enhanced Services are normally offered for a defined period of time which is normally no longer than 2 years. The range of Enhanced Services currently include vaccination programmes such as Influenza, Minor Surgery, and Extended Hours.
- 2.2 GP practices are also eligible to participate in the annual Quality & Outcomes (QOF) Framework which requires them to meet targets in a wide range of clinical and organisational indicators.
- 2.3 GPs are contracted to provide services between 8.00 am and 6.30pm Monday to Friday. These do not necessarily have to be face to face services for these periods. Patients whose medical condition is such that in the reasonable opinion of the contractor, attendance at the practice is unreasonable, then the contractor shall provide services at the patients address, or at a place that the GP has agreed to attend.
- 2.4 There is no mandatory retirement age for GPs. Each practice will inform the PCT once a GP has decided to retire. The practice is responsible for making arrangements to replace the out-going GP and ensure continuous delivery of the contractual requirements.
- 2.5 Patients of GP practices will have access to appropriate community services, including District Nurses, Health Visitors and Midwife Services. Some of these will be via specific regular clinics held at the practice.
- 2.6 In August 2012, each PCT was required to agree Boundary areas with their practices. The PCT has completed this process and are satisfied that there are no geographical areas that are not covered by one of our GP practices.
- 2.7 The Association of Public Health Observatories (APHO) provides GP practice data relating to their registered list and is attached for information for the two NHS Peterborough GP practices located in rural areas.

#### 3 GP Services – Services Provided in Rural Areas

##### Main sites

3.1 Ailsworth

Ailsworth Medical Practice total list size as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 = 2338

The GPs providing service at the practice are

GP	Age
Laliwala, Mohsin, partner (male)	61
Laliwala, Nabeel, partner ( male)	34

The current opening hours for the practice are:

Monday to Friday 9.00 am – 1.00pm and 3.30pm to 6.30pm.

This practice provides extended opening hours on a Monday to 7.15 pm

3.2 Thorney Medical Practice

Thorney Medical Practice as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 = 7531

The GPs providing service at the practice are

GP	Age
Jackson, Nicholas Raymond (Senior Partner) (Provider/Performer)	59
Knights, Andrew John (Provider/Performer)	56
Richards, Simon David (Provider/Performer)	55
Joshi, Reema (Performer)	39
Ray, Rupsha (Performer)	33
Shoaib, Ayesha Gulzar (Registrar)	
Ambalath Veettil, Faisal (Registrar)	

One of the Thorney Medical Practice GPs has given notice to the PCT of his intention to retire, effective during 2013, but this has not been finalised and is not yet in the public domain so should remain confidential at this time.

The current opening hours are as follows:

Monday	8.00am – 6.30 pm
Tuesday	8.00am – 6.30pm
Wednesday	8.00am – 6.30pm
Thursday	8.00 am – 4.00pm
Friday	8.00am – 6.30pm

Extended opening is offered on Monday evenings between 6.30pm – 8.00pm.

**Branches**

- 3.3 Newborough Medical Practice is a branch of Ailsworth Medical Practice with a list size currently of 650 patients, a figure which is not included in the Ailsworth list size above.

The opening hours for the Branch are:

Monday to Friday

9.00 am – 12.30pm and 3.30pm – 5.30 with the exceptions of Wednesday when the branch is closed and Thursday afternoon when there is are no morning appointments.

3.4 Castor is a small branch of Park Medical Centre and provides minimal services in Castor.

3.5 Eye Surgery is a branch of Thorney Practice

The current opening hours are:

Monday 8.00am – 6.15pm

Tuesday 8.00am – 6.30pm

Wednesday 8.00am – 1.00pm/ 2.45pm – 6.30pm

Thursday 8.00am – 6.30pm

Friday 8.00am – 1.00pm

3.6 Patients are able to access services at the main sites when the branch is closed. In the event that a practice wishes to close their list, they are required to inform the PCT of their intention and consideration would be given to the impact any closure would have on maintaining choice and access to GP practices.

3.7 The rural practices currently have lists open to registrations of new patients and there is no indication that this position will change.

#### **4 Pharmaceutical Services**

4.1 There are Community Pharmacies located in the following locations:

- Thorney – Halls The Chemist, Church Street, Thorney
- Eye, - Boots High St Eye
- Newborough – Newborough Pharmacy

Many pharmacies provide services for patients which means that patients can have their medications delivered to their homes.

#### **5 Dental Services**

5.1 NHS Peterborough commissions Primary Dental Services using NHS Regulations and Contracts pertaining to Primary Care Dentistry.

5.2 There is one dental practice from which NHS Peterborough commissions dental services and is located in the village of Eye.

5.3 Patients who do not attend a practice and are seeking care are advised to contact PALS who have the most up to date information regarding those practices which currently have capacity.

5.4 There are no longer registered lists of patients attached to practices and it is possible for patients to choose to access dental services closer to where they live. In the case of patients living in rural areas they may choose to seek dental services from practices located in Whittlesey, Ely, March, Huntingdon and the Isle of Ely area.

- 5.5 NHSP commissions other dental services from Cambridgeshire Community services which include:
- Community Dental Services for patients with special needs.
  - Domiciliary Dental Services which are accessible to Peterborough patients meeting specific clinical criteria.
  - Dental Access Centre in Midgate, Peterborough.
  - For those patients resident outside of Peterborough City, the Cambridgeshire Dental Access Centres operate at three locations, Cambridge, Huntingdon and Wisbech.
- 5.6 Private dentistry is not commissioned by NHS Peterborough and is therefore, unable to provide information on the location of any Dental practice that solely provides private dental services.

## **6 Optical Services**

There are no Opticians located in Peterborough villages. There are a number of opticians who do provide domiciliary services. Patients would be advised to contact the PALS team who would be able to signpost patients wishing to access these services.

## **7 NHS Choices**

For patients with access to IT, NHS Choices provides comprehensive information relating to GPs and Dentists. This includes location, opening times and services offered. For patients not able to access information in this way, they would be advised to contact the PALS team.

## **8 Implications**

There are no planned changes to the services located in the Peterborough rural areas.

Responsibility for commissioning Primary Care services transfer to the National Commissioning Board on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.

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