

Pre – Submission Surrey Heath Local Plan (2019-2038): (Regulation 19) Infrastructure Delivery Plan

NHS Frimley and Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care Boards (ICB) – joint response

NHS Frimley (FMY) and NHS Surrey Heartlands (SYH) ICBs both serve the population of Surrey Heath and are the statutory NHS organisations responsible for determining the population's healthcare needs, managing the respective NHS budgets, and arranging for the provision of health services in the Surrey Heartlands area.

NHS FMY and SYH commissions (plans, designs and purchases) many of the health services that local people use, including urgent and emergency services, hospital and mental health care, GP and other primary care and community services. We have recently taken on responsibility for dentistry, community pharmacy and general ophthalmology (eye care services) from NHS England.

The ICBs work with a range of other health and social care partners, including local government, regional and national health organisations, the voluntary, community and faith sectors as part of the wider Integrated Care Systems (ICS). These wider partnerships are responsible for taking collective responsibility for the health and wellbeing of the local population. This includes working alongside partners to make decisions about health services based on feedback from healthcare providers, patients, carers and the wider public to ensure the services that are planned and shaped by the views of the local population. ICBs and partners are therefore well placed to help identify the impact on health infrastructure and the well-being of residents due to local housing development plans and policies.

GP Services

GP services across the UK are currently under a great deal of pressure due to the increasing number of appointments and services they are required to deliver to the population, which can cause a number of challenges such as increased waiting times for patients and decreased GP staff retention.

To add to these pressures, over the past decade there has been a shift in the NHS model of care to focus more on preventative support for patients to access care closer to home, rather than being treated in hospital settings. Alongside this the reduction in GP workforce makes recruitment to a broader clinical workforce even more essential.

This means that a wider range of services are being provided within GP buildings (including physiotherapists, dieticians, occupational therapists, etc.). However, despite the increased requirement to use GP buildings, there has been limited capital funding available to enable the delivery of these changes.

Pressure on GP estate is intensified through housing growth, with any new sites of housing development in Surrey Heath increasing the population, all of whom will require access to GP services.

Primary Care Networks

Primary Care Networks (PCNs) are groups of neighbouring GPs that work together to support the development of more integrated health and care services within the local practices. Across Surrey Health there are 2 PCNs currently operating.

The Surrey Heath PCN (Frimley ICB)

It has 7 practices with 3 branch surgeries with a combined list of over 100,000 registered patients:

1. Bartlett Group Practice
2. Bartlett Group Practice: Ash Vale Health Centre
3. Camberley Health Centre
4. Lightwater Surgery
5. Park House Surgery
6. Park Road Group Practice
7. Park Road Group Practice: Heatherside Surgery
8. Park Road Group Practice: Old Dean Surgery
9. Station Road Surgery
10. Upper Gordon Road Surgery

The Surrey Heath PCN has over 100,000 registered patients (January 2024). FMY ICB note that Bartlett Group Practice: Ash Vale Health Centre is the only branch surgery that does not sit within the Surrey Heath Borough boundary.

The Woking Wise 1 PCN (Surrey Heartlands ICB)

It has 4 practices and 1 branch surgery with a combined patient list of over 30,000:

1. Chobham & West End Medical Practice
2. Chobham & West End Medical Practice: Lucas Green Road Surgery
3. College Road Surgery
4. Pirbright Surgery
5. St. John's Family Practice

The Woking Wise PCN has over 30,000 registered patients (January 2024). SYH ICB note that Chobham and West End Medical practice and its branch surgery sit within the Surrey Heath Borough boundary with over 10,000 registered patients (January 2024).

The practice premises in both PCNs are at capacity, so any increase in patient numbers due to new housing development will require appropriate capital contributions, through planning obligations, to mitigate these increase pressures caused by housing growth.

Other Health services

The developments allocated in the Local Plan will also impact on acute care capacity in Frimley Park Hospital. Additional capacity to deliver acute care services in the Frimley Park Hospital and elsewhere will be required to ensure that appropriate acute health services are available to new and existing residents.

Growth will also have an impact on paediatric services where there is likely to be an increase in young families in the area, and an overall increase in demand for services will create a need for additional nursing staff.

The ICBs will continue to consider how additional capacity can be provided to reflect the new models of care, including contributing to the improvement of the emergency department, ongoing delivery of minor illness and urgent care services, as well as elective and emergency surgical activity. The provision of additional healthcare facilities, as required by the ICBs to support growth will be delivered in line with the Local Plan housing trajectory, to ensure that impacts on health and care infrastructure are appropriately mitigated in a manner that does not have a detrimental impact on service delivery.

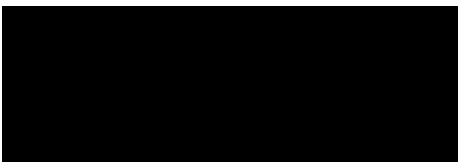
Funding

The NHS funding arrangements account for increased revenue cost of new patients through existing contract and financial policies. However, this is not the case for capital funding required to ensure GP Practices are correctly sized to meet the additional appointment volumes. The ICBs will therefore seek capital contributions by way of s106 and/ or CIL as appropriate to mitigate the increased population.

New development and planning obligation

The ICBs have modelled the impact of the proposed housing growth expected to come forward over the Local Plan period. Our assessment is that Primary Care GP Providers will require circa 800sqm of primary care floorspace to accommodate the forecast patient population. The ICBs will assess the impact of new housing growth on a case by case basis and will require expansion or replacement of GP premises. Developer contributions will likely be sought towards reconfiguration, refurbishment and expansion of existing health and care facilities. Based on present day estimates, this could cost between £3-£5.75m. The ICBs note that S106/CIL funding will be sought for the capital works associated with population growth.

Yours sincerely,



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