



**Oxfordshire
Clinical Commissioning Group**

Oxfordshire Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: Thursday, 2nd July, 2015

Title of Presentation: Proposals for Future Services at Townlands Hospital, Henley

Purpose: To provide the Oxfordshire Joint Health and Overview Committee an update on progress on the proposals for the future services at Townlands Hospital, Henley, following Oxfordshire CCG's Governing Body meeting 30th July 2015

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1.) Introduction

Following the completion of a public consultation exercise on the proposed services for the new Townlands health campus, a paper was presented to the CCG's Governing Body 30th July 2015 (<http://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Paper-15.63-Townlands-Hospital-Henley.pdf>). The paper set out the consultation process undertaken and the feedback received and presented three options for the Governing Body's consideration:

- 1) To proceed with the proposal as outlined within the paper, reflecting the amendments following consultation.
- 2) Reject the proposal the CCG has consulted on and implement the elements of the original 2012 business case within the gift of the CCG, for example 18 inpatient beds, but not the new services proposed and Rapid Access Care Unit (RACU) model within the new premises.
- 3) To endorse the clinical model proposed and to note the consultation responses but to recognise that further work is required to give the Governing Body full assurance on a number of areas raised as part of the consultation; for example the transition plans, availability of qualified staff and clinical engagement, and to take the opportunity for further engagement with stakeholders in developing the responses to these issues, in order that the Governing Body can take a decision.

After a detailed discussion (<http://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/about-us/work-programmes/townlands-hospital-consultation/governance-and-hosc/>), the Governing Body approved the recommendation and elected option 3.

2.) Activities undertaken since the Governing Body

In accordance with the Governing Body's decision, the CCG continues to work closely with the following local stakeholders to address the issues raised as part of the public consultation:

- John Howell, MP
- The Henley Townlands Steering Group
- Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust
- Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust
- Henley GPs
- South Central Ambulance Service
- Oxfordshire County Council
- Order of St John Care Trust

The CCG has met twice with John Howell MP and the Henley Townlands Steering Group to address the concerns raised, namely;

- the catchment area for the Townlands services,
- the nature of care to be provided by the Order of St John Care Trust,
- the capacity available in the community to support both the health and social care needs of patients seen at the Rapid Access Care Unit (RACU) and;
- transition from the old to the new premises and from the existing to new service model

The above items were discussed in detail in sub-group meetings held between the CCG, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, Oxfordshire County Council and members of the Henley Townlands Steering Group.

In addition to the above, the CCG:

- continues to meet regularly with local provider organisations to inform robust transition plans which support safe and timely transfer of services from the old to the new premises.
- is progressing the proposed expansion of outpatient services with the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust.
- in partnership with Oxfordshire County Council, has instigated discussions with the Order of St John to discuss in more detail the intermediate care beds (step up and step down) to be secured from the Summer 2016 when the Order of St John premises are scheduled to be opened on the Townlands health campus.
- continues to work with clinical and managerial colleagues across local provider organisations to refine the RACU patient pathway and service specification.
- has reviewed delayed transfers of care (DTOCs) data with Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust and the parties are agreed that the number of Oxfordshire patients defined as a DTOC at any one time is 2-3 with a ratio of 2:1 health to social care. This aligns with the bed modelling undertaken by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust which increases the number of beds required by 2 to reflect this need.
- has reviewed historic inpatient activity and the nature of care provided at the Townlands under the current model of care to assess and inform transition requirements and;
- continues to develop the financial and activity modelling for the RACU to ensure it is financially viable.

3.) Next steps

The outputs of the above activities will be used to inform the paper scheduled for the next Governing Body 24th September when the Governing Body will assess whether the additional work undertaken in response to the concerns aired, provide the assurances necessary to sign off the model and proceed to implementation.