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Stakeholder Brief

Dear Colleague,

Biddenham New Build Primary Care Facility

We are writing to inform you about a proposal to build a new primary care facility on the boundary between Biddenham and Bromham. This is adjacent to the housing development underway in Biddenham which has a historical Section106 agreement to provide a new GP surgery facility.

Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England are working with two local practices and the developers on a proposal to develop the new primary care facility. It is intended that The De Parys Group and Linden Road Surgery will operate GP services from the new building and will re-locate their Bromham branch surgeries into this new purpose-built facility. Both practices currently have main surgeries in Bedford which they will continue to operate from. The practices will maintain their separate identities within the new facility and patients will continue to see their usual teams of GPs and practice staff.

BCCG and NHS England recognise that the move offers both practices the opportunity to provide care closer to home for patients in the surrounding villages to the north of Bedford, helping to ease demand in the main Bedford surgeries.

The new surgery will provide better facilities, access and parking than the existing branch surgeries in Bromham, but will remain accessible to the communities in the two villages. It is anticipated that the new facility will open in summer 2020, subject to the relevant approvals.

Reasons for change

The current Linden Road branch surgery is on the first floor above a shop, which is not accessible for patients with limited mobility and is therefore not compliant with the Equality Act 2010. At present approximately 1,000 patients registered with Linden Road Surgery access services at the branch surgery which is open two days a week.

At its current location, the De Parys Group branch surgery is open two full days and three mornings a week. Around 4,000 patients registered with The De Parys Group access services at the branch surgery. However, the space available at this location is restricting the delivery of health services.

Bedford Borough Council expects the population served by the two branch surgeries in Bromham to grow by approximately 2,300 in the next four years, and by a further 5,500 by 2030. The two current branch facilities will not be able to accommodate this growth. This would see patients having to access services from town centre practices, the majority of which are already operating near their capacity.

Benefits of the new Biddenham primary care facility

The new purpose-built primary care facility in Biddenham will provide –a range of benefits to the local communities, as well as being able to accommodate the expected growth in population. This will reduce the need for patients to travel from the villages/town outskirts into Bedford town centre to access medical appointments.

Patient engagement

BCCG is working with both practices to inform patients of the potential relocation of services from the current branch surgeries to the new facility and want to capture views of current patients and residents of the Biddenham and Bromham area. Patients and local residents are being invited to submit their views on the proposal via an on-line survey which runs until midnight on 31 March 2019.

To view the survey visit www.bedfordshireccg.nhs.uk/biddenham. Hard copies of the survey will also be available to patients via the practices branch and main surgeries.

In addition to the patient survey, both practices will be holding patient events in order to answer any questions around the proposal. These will be held on:

Linden Road Surgery

Bromham, Tuesday 19 February 2019 (5pm - 6pm)

Linden Road, Tuesday 5 March 2019 (12pm - 1pm)

The De Parys Group

Dates will be published on the practice website and in the surgeries.

If you have any questions regarding the proposals please contact;

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