



Report to Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee

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Report of:	<i>NHS South Yorkshire</i>
Report to:	<i>Health Scrutiny Sub- Committee</i>
Date:	<i>23 November 2022</i>
Subject:	<i>Consultation findings from NHS South Yorkshire's health centres consultation</i>

Purpose of Report:

Read and consider the consultation findings and make a formal response to NHS South Yorkshire on the proposals set out in the consultation.

The deadline for the written response is 30 November.

Recommendations:

- *Consider the findings*
- *Provide a formal response to make comments on each of the individual hub proposals by 30 November in writing to lucy.ettridge@nhs.net*

Background Papers:

n/a

NHS South Yorkshire's consultation findings on building new health centres

1. Background

In March 2022, HM Treasury confirmed the award of £57.5m funding to South Yorkshire to improve primary care buildings in the region. Of this, £37m was allocated for schemes in Sheffield. NHS South Yorkshire launched a public consultation over plans to invest millions in building new GP health centres in Sheffield in August 2022.

Most of the money is to build four new health centres in Sheffield to replace 12 existing GP practice buildings (as part of 9 practices). If plans go ahead, it will mean the practice moving from its current site and into a new building shared with other GP practices, and the current GP practice site would close

We have funding to build up to five health centres. We don't yet have a shortlist of locations for the fifth centre in the city centre, so were not part of this consultation. Once we have a proposal, the practices will share more information.

The city needs more clinical staff, more accessible and higher quality services, and better premises and technology. There is a chronic shortage of GPs in the UK and a growing population in Sheffield.

We hope building new health centres will attract more clinical staff as doctors and nurses want to work in modern more spacious buildings and will have room to train other staff.

We believe the best way to support people and improve their health is to bring services together and wrap them around patients in these new health centres, keeping them well, independent, and out of hospital.

A number of GP premises in these areas are more than 50 years old. Many are too small to deliver medicine in the 21st century and to benefit from the latest advancements in healthcare and in technology. Waiting rooms are cramped, they lack enough consultation rooms and space for other services which could help improve people's health.

The new health centres will do more for patients on one site, increasing access to services and ultimately improving people's health.

2. Pre-consultation engagement

In March 2022, NHS Sheffield CCG, working with GP practices, decided to explore what this would mean for practices and their patients so held an engagement exercise for 9 weeks starting on 14 March 2022 and ending on 15 May 2022. During this time, we engaged with patients to find out what they thought about the proposed new health centres and to help develop the plans.

We heard from over 1,900 people via the survey, 200 people at public meetings, and 65 through emails and telephone calls. The CCG and practices evaluated

feedback and some practices withdrew from the programme after the engagement and views informed the consultation business case.

A summary of the engagement was presented to the health scrutiny sub-committee on 21 June 2022.

The pre-consultation business case was presented at the same meeting and can be found here [Sheffield Health Centre PCBC v4.pdf \(syics.co.uk\)](#).

3. Consultation

NHS South Yorkshire ran a public consultation on behalf of local GP practices on the proposals to relocate nine GP practices to one of four new health centres in Sheffield. The consultation ran for 10 weeks between 1 August 2022 and 9 October 2022.

The following table details the GP practices involved and the potential locations for each new health centre.

Centre	Practices interested in moving	Potential location	Branch sites that may close
Foundry 1	Burngreave Surgery Sheffield Medical Centre	Spital Street	Herries Road Surgery Cornerstone Building
Foundry 2	Page Hall Medical Centre Upwell Street Surgery	Rushby Street	
SAPA 1	Firth Park Surgery Shiregreen Medical Centre	Concord Sports Centre	Melrose Surgery
SAPA 2	The Health Care Surgery Buchanan Road Surgery Margetson Surgery	Buchanan Road / Wordsworth Avenue	

The consultation plan was presented to health scrutiny and discussed on 21 June.

Over 2,000 consultation documents, 12,000 leaflets, and 500 posters were made available from 1 August, this included translated copies.

We heard from 5,006 people. An independent research company, SMSR Research, engaged 4,023 residents across the four centres. A further 561 surveys were completed online, and 116 paper surveys were completed, meaning 4,700 residents took part in the consultation by completing a survey. A total of 226 people attended a public meeting and 80 individuals were involved in disability specific focus groups.

We funded 17 local community organisations to help raise awareness of the proposals and support individuals to respond. These organisations were selected for their specific reach into and trusted relationships with, the communities

identified as being potentially affected by the proposals, including geography and protected characteristics.

A detailed report which analysed the consultation by the centre and by demographics is shown in Appendix A. This report is to help inform scrutiny's formal response to the consultation as a key stakeholder.

4. Post-consultation

Two weeks after closing the consultation, the results of each question for each of the nine practices were shared with the practices.

The draft report and equality impact assessments were also shared with Sheffield's programme team and NHS South Yorkshire's committee in Sheffield responsible for oversight of involvement and equality activities.

This information is being used to inform practices' decision on whether they want to continue in the programme and move into a new centre. It is also being used to inform the final business case, which is currently being written by the programme team.

5. Next steps

The programme team is talking to all 9 practices to see whether they want to continue with the proposal to move into a new centre. If they do, this will be modelled for deliverability, affordability, and impact as part of finalising the business case.

The funding allocated to the programme was based on a bid in 2018, Since then, there have been a number of challenges that have put pressure on the programme, most notably building cost inflation and workforce pressures impacting deliverability.

The consultation findings, including this committee's response; the equality impact assessments; practice commitment; and an assessment of deliverability, affordability, and impact of each of the individual hub proposals will be used to inform a decision-making business case.

The draft decision-making business case will be presented to the Sheffield Health and Care Partnership Board (formal sub-committee of the ICB) on 1 December as well as to this Health Scrutiny Sub Committee on 7 December. A final business case will be presented to NHS South Yorkshire's board on Wednesday 4 January for a decision on which, if any, of the health centres go ahead.

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