

The Future of our Local Health Services (North Staffordshire)

This consultation aims to determine the requirement and location of community care beds and the introduction of 4 integrated care hubs in North Staffordshire located in Newcastle-under-Lyme, Stoke South, Stoke North and Staffordshire Moorlands.

Within this process campaigners and stakeholders involved in engagement events were presented with bed modelling for North Staffordshire of 132 community beds, reduced from 264. Note that this reduction has not been through a consultation process and de facto results in closure of community hospitals in North Staffordshire.

The consultation went live in December 2018 and closes on March 17th 2019. The aims of the consultation are to determine:

- How community-based services can be delivered differently in a more integrated way, closer to home
- How to make better use of community hospital rehabilitation beds
- How to ensure consultant-led outpatients clinics work more efficiently and importantly, ensure consultants have more time with patients and less time travelling.

The current CCG options for location of the integrated care hubs in Newcastle are:

- Option 3a One hub: Hub services delivered from existing Bradwell site
- Option 3b One hub: Hub services delivered from Milehouse LIFT with Bradwell hospital estate repurposed.

The stated preferred option is option 3a. However, there is concern with campaigners that it is not a given that option 3a will be chosen without strong local support. Note that should option 3b be selected this could signal the complete loss of Bradwell Hospital.

Options for Community Beds:

This is based on the provision of 132 community beds. 77 beds will be based at Haywood Community Hospital and so the consultation is based on the further location of the remaining 55 beds.

The options are as follows:

1. Provision at The Haywood Hospital
2. provision across Haywood Hospital and Leek Moorlands Hospital
3. provision across Haywood and Longton Cottage Hospital
4. provision across Haywood and Cheadle Hospital
5. provision across Haywood and Bradwell Hospital
6. provision across Haywood and Care Homes

Despite scoring lowest by engagement groups option 6 is the preferred option for the CCGs.

This council believes:

Bradwell Hospital is a well loved and used asset to the borough

The best integrated care hub option for Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough and its surrounds is option 3a Bradwell Hospital.

The best option for the location of 55 community care beds is option 5 provision across Haywood and Bradwell Hospital

This council resolves:

To publicly reaffirm its commitment to supporting the future of Bradwell Hospital as a community hospital with functioning wards.

To have the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive to write to:

- Sir Neil McKay: Independent Chair Together We're Better,
- David Pearson: Vice Chair Together We're Better,
- Simon Whitehouse – Director Together We're Better,
- Marcus Warnes CCG Accountability Officer,
- Alan White, Staffordshire County Council Cabinet member for Health, Care and Wellbeing

reiterating point 1, expressing concern at the 50% community bed reduction without consultation and affirming its preferred options for the current consultation (hub: option 3a and beds: option 5).

To encourage members to respond to the consultation in line with the recommended options (hub option 3a and beds option 5), available at

<https://www.healthservicesnorthstaffs.nhs.uk/>

To encourage members, officers and residents to attend the CCG consultation workshop event on Wednesday 13th February at Holy Trinity Community Centre London Road, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 1LQ

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/future-of-local-health-services-public-event-newcastle-under-lyme-tickets-53436899204>

To support the Battle for Bradwell campaign relaunched on 26th January in asking and facilitating Newcastle residents to respond to the current consultation.

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