

**TO: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
4 JUNE 2015**

**REPORT OF THE BRACKNELL FOREST HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE TASK AND FINISH GROUP**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Bracknell Forest Health and Wellbeing Board, at its meeting in March 2015 determined that a task and finish group be established to look at the housing growth and demographic changes in the Borough and assess the impact on these on the need for health infrastructure in future years. This report is to inform the Board of the work of the sub-group and ask for **approval of a number of recommendations for further action**

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The task and finish group make the following recommendations to the Health and Wellbeing Board:
- i. That support (including support for S106 contributions where appropriate) is given to the development of thriving and sustainable community hubs in the areas of greatest housing growth (Warfield and Crowthorne). These centres can then be used as a focus for activities to promote health and wellbeing in the communities and play a vital role, particularly in the preventative aspects of health and wellbeing
 - ii. That the concept of focussing on the identified 'hotspots' is agreed as a principle by which the Health and Wellbeing Board should focus its combined energy on addressing the changing needs of the population
 - iii. That the changing needs of the Crowthorne population are the first area for the task and finish group to focus on in some detail, to address the impact of the housing growth and the complexity arising from the close proximity of the Wokingham border. This will be achieved through close working with key stakeholders including Wokingham CCG, Wokingham Borough Council (initially via the public health consultant), local affected GP practices and Crowthorne Parish Council, as well as the developer.
 - iv. That further work is done, taking into account the JSNA and JHWS, and national exemplars, to investigate the opportunities the redeveloped town centre presents in terms of promoting health and wellbeing, and delivering health interventions. This will include understanding and influencing the possible redevelopment of Skimped Hill Health Centre
 - v. That the Health and Wellbeing Board assumes a role in influencing the future development of services at the RBH Bracknell Healthspace such that these are complementary to other health infrastructure solutions in the Borough, and reflect the changing needs of the population

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The group has considered the potential impact of housing growth and other demographic change on health infrastructure within and adjacent to the Borough and has identified a number of areas, 'hotspots' which if not the subject of further work may result in some compromise to equity and equality of access to health and wellbeing services to some residents. The recommendations are intended to address these issues

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None applicable

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The Health Infrastructure 'task and finish' group has been established and first met on 14th April 2015. The terms of reference for the group were agreed and are attached (appendix 1). The group has shared perspectives on the potential impact of housing and demographic growth on the needs for health infrastructure and expressed these in the form of a number of key questions which need to be addressed.

KEY QUESTIONS

1. **What specific demographic, social and economic changes can we identify which will have the greatest impact on future demand over the next 5 years?** Taking into account factors which result in different demand as well as simply more demand

Factors to consider:

- We have an ageing population, with commensurate reductions in mobility, which places a greater emphasis on local access to services
- The town centre will offer an estimated additional 3300 jobs, which will enhance wellbeing, but will compete with the care sector for workers, which is a market already under pressure
- The location of new schools will determine to some extent the local concentrations of families.

2. **Where are the hot spots in terms of future pressure on services, which indicate where additional capacity should be provided?** The definition of a 'hotspot' in this context is a localised area of demographic change (as in Q1 above) which will in likelihood generate more demand for health services than the current capacity could absorb. This does not mean that there are not other local pressures on services, but the 'hot spots' described are those which will have the greatest impact if solutions are not put in place

Factors to consider:

- The overall population increase is approximately 11500 as a result of current planned housing (see Appendix 2)
- Where there are additional housing developments outside the Bracknell Forest borders, notably in Wokingham, which will compound the impact of local housing growth.

- The location of the greatest concentration of housing development, and the mix

3. What should the offer from the new town centre be in terms of opportunities for health services, opportunities and interventions?

Factors to consider:

- Potential for more 'drop-in' opportunities for health screening, vaccinations and reviews for targeted health interventions
- Accessibility will be a key issue, and the health infrastructure needs of the town centre need to be considered in the light of its location as a public transport hub, which means it can serve a wider population particularly older and younger people, and others who do not drive.
- Possible redevelopment of Skimped Hill has the potential to be a hub for health in the town centre

4. How else can health needs be met?

Factors to consider:

- Community pharmacies are a great neighbourhood resource, and have been the subject of detailed mapping by public health
- Digital inclusion as a vehicle to access health advice and support
- Community hubs are planned for the neighbourhoods with most development, and these have potential to support the delivery of health and wellbeing services.
- Mobile 'point of care' solutions such as those delivering health checks in Self-care week have the potential to add capacity and reach out to communities in a targeted way
- Children's centres are local, well established facilities through which health and well-being services for families can be delivered.

HOTSPOTS DEFINED

- Crowthorne is a particular hot-spot. The housing growth at TRL and Broadmoor is significant, and is compounded by growth on the Wokingham side of the border. The existing GP practices closest to the developments in both Bracknell and Wokingham have little potential for expansion on their current sites. Therefore a new solution is required if the demands placed by planned housing growth are to be met in the locality
- Warfield has the potential to become a hot-spot as there is significant new housing planned, and the local surgeries at Tesco, North Bracknell (Waterfield and Gainsborough) and the next nearest Boundary House are constrained sites. The pressure is less intense than Crowthorne and the proximity of the Warfield expansion to the town centre makes Skimped Hill (if re-developed) a potential solution as it could provide accessible services at a scale that would be deliverable.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

6.1 Not applicable

Borough Treasurer

6.2 Not applicable

Equalities Impact Assessment

6.3 Any specific scheme going forward would be the subject of an individual EIA

Strategic Risk Management Issues

6.4 The task and finish group was established by the Board with the intention of mitigating the risk presented by a fragmented approach to assessing and responding to the health infrastructure needs represented by housing growth and demographic change

Other Officers

6.5 Membership of the task and finish group is as follows:

Core Membership:

Nominated members of the HWBB (or their representatives)

- Victor Nicholls, BFC (Assistant Chief Executive)
- Mary Purnell, Bracknell and Ascot CCG (Head of Operations)
- Lisa McNally (consultant in public health)
- Mark Sanders (Healthwatch Bracknell Forest)
- Nicky Wadely NHS England (Head of Primary Care)

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

7.1 Not applicable

Method of Consultation

7.2 Not applicable

Representations Received

7.3 Not applicable

Background Papers

Appendix 1 - Terms of reference

Appendix 2 - Map showing housing growth and current primary care premises

Contact for further information

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Terms of Reference

Meeting/Group name:	Bracknell Forest Health and Wellbeing Board, Health Infrastructure Task and Finish Group
Chair:	Mary Purnell, Head of Operations, Bracknell and Ascot CCG
Frequency:	ad hoc to meet objectives
Accountable to:	Bracknell Forest Health and Wellbeing Board

Bracknell Forest Health and Wellbeing Board have determined, at their meeting in March 2015, that a 'task and finish' group be established to consider the impact of housing development and demographic and economic change on the health needs of the local population. The group is asked to make recommendations on how health infrastructure should be developed in order to meet these needs, taking a forward look over the next 5 years

Aims and Objectives

- To bring together and engage key partners and stakeholders in the Borough to reach a common understanding of the likely impact of housing development and demographic change on the local health infrastructure needs
- To describe what initiatives and processes are already in place via the partner organisations to meet these needs and explore potential synergy in these
- To consider what actions should be taken to address the health infrastructure needs identified and develop options for delivery
- To ensure that actions and options developed have an evidence base in the JSNA and JHWS
- Make recommendations to the Health and Wellbeing Board for a programme of work to be adopted and monitored by the HWBB to deliver health infrastructure for the future population needs

Key Relationships:

- Member organisations of the HWBB
- GP Council
- NHS Foundation Trusts delivering services to Bracknell Forest residents
- Housing developers
- Wokingham HWBB (Borough Council and CCG)

Membership

Core Membership:

Nominated members of the HWBB (or their representatives)

- Tim Wheadon (Head of Planning and Deputy Chief Executive)
- Bracknell and Ascot CCG (Head of Operations)
- Director of Public Health (Lisa McNally)
- Healthwatch Bracknell Forest (Mark Sanders)

- NHS England (Head of Primary Care)

Plus co-opted members or attendees in line with the agenda for example (but not exclusively):

- Berkshire Healthcare NHS FT
- Royal Berkshire Hospital NHS FT
- Wokingham CCG
- Town and Parish Council representatives

Plus additional members in line with the agenda.

Chair of the group

The chair of the group will be the Head of Operations Bracknell and Ascot CCG (Mary Purnell). In the absence of the chair an interim chair will be appointed by the meeting.

Frequency of Meetings

Ad hoc as required to deliver the objectives

Quoracy

The group is not a decision making body so shall have no minimum quoracy

DATE AGREED: 14TH APRIL 2015