
Dilke and Lydney Briefing

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To: All West Gloucestershire PCT staff and local stakeholders

From: Director of Operations, Will Noble

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PCT website: www.westglospct.org.uk

Dear Colleague,

This Q/A Team Briefing is designed to bring you up to date with the Cinderford and Lydney Options Appraisal schemes (two projects looking at the current and future needs for health services in these areas) ensuring that all staff and stakeholders have access to factual and timely information on developments.

We are committed to open and transparent communication throughout the option appraisals and hope that you will help us in achieving this goal. We have produced this briefing in Q/A form to respond to any questions that staff or stakeholders may have. At the end of this briefing you can find out how to send in your questions.

Previous briefings (the last one was published in December 2004) can be found on our website at www.westglospct.org.uk (News Section).

Questions and Answers

What is happening to the Project Initiation Documents and have they been agreed?

The Project Initiation Documents (PIDs) have now been signed off.

The PIDs mark the beginning of the review. They do **NOT** make recommendations about future services or the options they will simply set out the **broad** parameters of the appraisals (e.g. what is in and what is not).

The Cinderford PID sets out what we know already, that the Community Hospital Steering Group, Project Assurance Group and Project Team will look at the following options: retaining the hospital as it is or re-providing the hospital to improve patient access to both community hospital services and services provided by GPs and nursing teams (either on its current site or from another local site).

In looking at issues to do with Dilke Memorial Hospital, the wider aspects of the need for Primary and Community Health services in the Cinderford and surrounding area will be considered.

The PCT has emphasised that there are **no** preferred options at this stage. Staff, patients and the public will be fully involved and consulted with as part of the options appraisal work and also in determining the preferred options.

The Lydney PID sets out broad options to make sure that health services provided by Lydney and District Hospital continue to develop. The PCT will work with its community partners to look at, for example, the further development of out-patient facilities so that more people can access services more locally.

Have you appointed the Partners who will work with the PCT on the Option Appraisal Schemes?

We are in the process of appointing an independent partner to work with us to develop the options. We are meeting the shortlisted bidders on March 24 and hope to appoint by early April.

Why is the Stakeholder Event being held?

The PCT is currently organising a Stakeholder Event to involve local community partners in developing a criteria for judging the options. e.g. what important issues should we consider when looking at the individual options (e.g. access to services)?

The event, to be held in late Spring, will also involve attendees in thinking through which methods of consultation should be used at the conclusion of the options appraisal work.

A letter inviting stakeholders and staff to the event will be sent out in April.

What will happen after the Stakeholder Event?

The PCT will be producing an involvement guide for staff and local people, which will build on the Stakeholder Event and encourage feedback from staff and the wider population about the criteria for 'judging' the options.

This will be promoted widely internally (through Team Briefs and Look West), via the local media and will be available from GP surgeries, local libraries and the Community Hospitals. It will also be posted out on request and will be downloadable from the West Gloucestershire PCT website.

The leaflet will provide details of how community groups can request PCT representation at their meetings to discuss the Cinderford and Lydney option appraisal schemes in more detail.

What will happen when a criteria for judging the options has been agreed?

The PCT and its appraisal schemes partner will look in detail at each of the options outlined above, using the agreed criteria to evaluate them. A full report will then be produced which will form the basis for a comprehensive three month consultation. This will ensure full staff, patient and public involvement at all stages in the planning process.

How can I have my questions answered?

There are a variety of ways in which you can do this:

E-mail: wgcommunityhospitalsreview@glos.nhs.uk

Write to:

South Forest Patch Team, Grove House, Grove Road, Lydney

Or

North Forest Patch Team, West Glos PCT, The Annexe, High Street, Coleford.

Question Drop:

Use the question boxes at Dilke Memorial Hospital or Lydney and District Hospital.

All questions can be responded to in person or can be published in the next question and answer briefing.

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