

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee – 26th January 2012

Report of the Head of Community Engagement, NHS Dudley

Closure of Hayley Green surgery, 30 Hagley Road, Halesowen

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise members of the reasons for closure of a Doctor's surgery in Halesowen.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 An application from Dr Darby and Partners was received by the PCT indicating that they wished to close their branch surgery located at 30 Hagley Road – known as Hayley Green – from the end of December. Approximately 120 patients each week were seen at this surgery. The closure of Hayley Green has not caused any loss of services – these have all transferred to the main practice surgery.
- 2.2 The main surgery at St Margaret's Well is a little under half a mile away and has a dedicated car park, unlike Hayley Green. There had been a considerable number of days when the branch surgery had to close on scheduled opening times because of problems with the building including a lack of heating, water supply, and general maintenance issues. Of prime concern has been non-compliance with PCT infection control standards and the access provisions of the Equality Act 2010.
- 2.3 The costs to upgrade the building are prohibitive. However the Doctors have plans to re-develop the main surgery and are in active discussion with the PCT in order to progress this issue.
- 2.4 Hayley Green patients will be easily accommodated at the main practice at St Margaret's Well.
- 2.5 The Practice wrote to patients and to local ward councillors as part of the engagement process, having taken advice from the PCT's engagement team. The Head of Community Engagement also wrote to the Chair of this Committee to advise her on the intentions of the Doctors since the planned closure fell between scrutiny meetings.

4.0 Finance

- 4.1 No financial issues arising from this report

5.0 Law

- 5.1 The Duty to Involve patients and the public under s242 of the NHS Act 2006 informed the engagement process. A formal consultation with the health Overview and Scrutiny Committee under s244 was not possible given the speed of the closure, however in any case the closure is not a substantial variation of service.

6.0 Recommendation

- 6.1 Members are asked to note the report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Corton', written in a cursive style.

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