

Future Health Provision in North Ferriby Working Group

Update

East Riding of Yorkshire Primary Care Trust, East Riding of Yorkshire Council and North Ferriby community & patient representatives have established regular meetings to discuss accommodation alternatives and ways forward for local GP service provision. All partners are committed to the development of healthcare services, which meet the needs of the local community, and to date these meetings have been very constructive. The group is working systematically through a range of accommodation options with the objective of honing the alternatives down to what is affordable, achievable and sustainable. Our intention is to give you regular updates on this issue via About Ferriby and the Parish Council Website.

Arising out of these meetings four main views have emerged:

A) to explore the possibility of combining Dr Mitchell and Dr Clarke's Surgeries with Dr Robertson's Branch Surgery (which is part of Hessle Grange Medical Practice) within one building either in Ferriby or Swanland. The big challenge with this is locating a suitable and affordable development site. This has now been all but discounted, as it seems very unlikely to happen.

B) to locate a development site to accommodate Dr Mitchell's Surgery and Dr Robertson's Branch Surgery located in Ferriby. Possible development sites in North Ferriby are being sought however locating suitable and affordable development sites will be a challenge. In relation to this, Dr Clarke would remain in his current premises.

C) to locate a development site within North Ferriby to rehouse Dr Robertson's Branch Surgery. Dr Mitchell and Dr Clarke would remain in their current premises. This is very unlikely to happen as it is contrary to current Department of Health guidelines that, where possible, PCTs need to encourage GP's to work collectively within the same premises in line with the roll out of GP-led Health Centres. In addition, this proposal could prove difficult to demonstrate best value for money.

D) when the lease expires on Dr Robertson's Branch Surgery in April 2009, patients could stay with the Hessle Grange Medical Practice (but would have to travel to Hessle) or transfer to another practice with an open list in the area. At present these include Dr Howard's Practice (Hessle), Dr Mitchell (Ferriby) or Dr Clarke (Swanland).

As you will be aware, ongoing work around developing potential alternatives for future accommodation will need the support and involvement of local GPs and the PCT is meeting with them regularly to keep all interested parties informed of developments. The Working Group will keep you informed of all developments by providing regular updates.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments please contact Councillor Julie Abraham on 01482 633746 or email Julie@mjabraham.karoo.co.uk.