

Hampshire County Council Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee Update January 2023 on progress of the Whitehill and Bordon Health Hub

Background

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board (ICB) is working with the Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company (WBRC), East Hampshire District Council, NHS providers and other partners on the creation of a new Health Hub at Whitehill & Bordon.

The purpose-built health hub will combine primary care (provided by Badgerswood and Forest GP Surgery) and community health services onto a single site, together with services currently provided at Chase Community Hospital. It will be a vital part of the wider regeneration plans for the area.

Latest position

Partners in the development continue to progress their individual workstreams, and key deliverables for the health hub development have been progressed since the last update provided to HASC in November 2022. These include:

- Badgerswood and Forest surgery have advised that they have agreed the Heads of Terms for their occupation of the new facility, which will see the relocation of the General Medical Services from the partnership owned Forest surgery with the Chase pharmacy.
- East Hampshire District Council are progressing the grant agreement with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation of the MoD and plan to have this in place in January 2023
- A steering board has been set up with partners in the development (chaired by the ICB) to ensure that partners meet regularly and maintain traction on development milestones.
- Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust (SHFT) have reiterated their commitment to the scheme and have submitted their internal business case which is now subject to internal scrutiny
- SHFT have also held an internal engagement event to socialise the plans for the health hub, and are following up at present with the service managers unable to attend
- The new health hub does not contain a space for a physiotherapy gym and so the Trust are currently engaging with Everyone Active, the local leisure centre operator, to discuss how they will work together.

All partners in the health hub remain committed to the revised delivery dates, the current status of which is provided below:

Milestone	Who	Date	Status
EHDC approved £991k funding from s.106 and Eco-town grant as capital contribution for Health Hub	EHDC / DIO	1/7/2021	Complete
Primary Care Commissioning Committee approve Health Hub GMS space and associated costs subject to application from GP practice	HIOW ICB	April 2022	Complete

Funding agreement between EHDC & DIO signed.	EHDC / DIO	Jan 2023	In progress – Target completion March 23
SHFT decision to re-locate community services to health hub	SHFT	Dec 2022	In progress - Target completion Feb 23
Legal agreements with tenants signed (Heads of Terms and agreement to lease)	WBRC / B&FS / SHFT	December 2022	In progress – Target completion May 23
Detailed design complete	WBRC / B&FS / SHFT	March 2023	In progress – Target Completion June 23
Engagement with patient groups (formal consultation not required)	HIOW ICB / SHFT	March 2023	Not started – Summer 23
Planning application	WBRC	April – September 2023	Not started – Anticipated to begin July 23
Construction	WBRC	Jan 24- April 25	Not started – Anticipated July 24 to December 25
Tenant fit out, familiarisation and Operationalisation	WBRC / B&FS / SHFT	Spring 25	Not started – Anticipated January to March 26
Occupation	B&FS / SHFT / WBRC	Summer 2025	Not started – Anticipated Easter 26

Next steps

Southern NHS Health Foundation Trust have been engaging clinical teams on the final design and this will conclude by the end of January. The engagement to date has been positive, although there do remain concerns regarding the lack of like-for like gym space for the rehabilitation of patients. Discussions are underway with the local authority and the gym provider to agree how this could be resolved either by a Service Level Agreement or use of Social Prescribing tools, and once these conclude positively the Trust will be in a position to finalise the Heads of Terms.

Badgerswood and Forest practice are working with WBRC on securing an early presence for their Pharmacy within the new town centre ahead of the health hub opening, which they are progressing outside of the health hub scope with the development WBRC.

Th ICB remain committed to the delivery of the health hub and recognise our responsibility to keep stakeholders and public updated on the process. The ICB is working alongside WRBC, East Hampshire District Council and all our partners to prepare an engagement programme that ensures local residents are being kept informed of the developments at key times as the plans progress.

In the meantime, we have provided updates to East Hampshire District councillors, Healthwatch and individuals as requested.