

ACCESS TO GP SERVICES TASK AND FINISH GROUP**Questions to NHS England Area Team re Planning Healthcare Facilities into the Local Infrastructure**

1. What data does NHS England use for predicting future populations in Milton Keynes in order to plan the future provision of Primary Care services?
2. Is this cross-referenced with the data on current and future population growth available from Milton Keynes Council?
3. Is there a formula or algorithm to calculate the ideal patient to doctor ratio and the size of surgery required?
4. Is this formula or algorithm likely to change over the next few years, based on changes to the way the provision of Primary Care is being organised?
5. Based on projected population figures for the next 5-10 years for both the Eastern and the Western Expansion areas, can NHS England advise how many GPs they estimate will be required to service these areas and what is the expected timescale to establish these new facilities?
6. Apart from projected population figures, what other factors, such as bus routes, other local amenities etc, are taken into consideration when planning the location of new GP surgeries?
7. Milton Keynes has an unusually high number of children as a percentage of the local population, a high birth rate and although at present it has a lower than average number of elderly people, this is set to rise significantly in the future as those who moved to Milton Keynes in the 1970s and 1980s reach retirement age in the next 5-10 years.

Does the current provision of primary healthcare services adequately reflect this particular demographic mix of young mothers and children at one end and a steep rise in the elderly at the other?

Are the plans for the future provision of primary healthcare services sufficiently robust to cope with this demand?

8. Does the Area Team have any plans for updating those current surgeries in Milton Keynes which are finding it very difficult to cope with the physical restraints of their premises, such as stairs and no lift, buildings too small for current list size owing to population growth, no extra room to provide physio or other additional services or having to swap rooms/surgeries to house all clinicians/services?