

Health and Social Care in Milton Keynes

Planning and Delivering Primary Healthcare Services and Facilities in Partnership with the NHS

Primary Healthcare Provision

The way in which; provision of primary healthcare facilities (such as GPs, dentists and pharmacies) is planned, maintained; and services are commissioned changed as a result of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. NHS England (NHSE) and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) have now taken over these responsibilities, replacing NHS Primary Care Trusts.

NHS England (NHSE)

NHSE is made up from a network of local offices in 4 English regions. They are tasked to ensure NHS services deliver the best possible care for patients. They are responsible for setting local health budgets and provide and maintain the buildings that are used by GPs and other primary care providers. Milton Keynes falls under the NHS Midlands and East region, and is served by the Hertfordshire and South Midlands Area Team.

Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)

CCGs are statutory bodies comprising of local GPs, nurses and other professionals responsible for commissioning services for local communities. Milton Keynes CCG consists of 27 GP practices, covering the whole of the Borough as well as some parts of Aylesbury Vale. Working together they have responsibility for the long term strategic commissioning of health services for the people of Milton Keynes. It is for them to decide the type and nature of the services provided in existing and new areas, and one of the reasons for the move to CCGs is to provide local doctors, practitioners and patients with a stronger say in how local health budgets are spent.

What are MKC, NHSE and MK CCG doing together to address growth?

The Council, through planning policies, investment planning, and service delivery, needs to ensure that the growing and changing population in Milton Keynes is well served by the necessary infrastructure. The level of growth has to be carefully forecast, planned and managed and it is the Council's role to lead and coordinate delivery with key infrastructure and service providers.

Since the new arrangements for healthcare came into place in 2013 the Council has met regularly with NHSE and MKCCG to work through the various issues and challenges that arise from population growth and the changing demographic structure.

MKC, NHSE and MKCCG tri-partite meetings

These meetings are designed to bring together the NHSE local team with the CCG Strategic Planning team; and various MKC service areas, including Infrastructure Coordination, Development Management, Development Plans, and Finance (s106 and Tariff).

The role of the Council in these meetings is to provide timely and accurate information on the scale, location and pace of housing development and advice on s106. To this end the Council maintains a log of key issues, which forms a basis for future meeting agendas. This tripartite approach is not usual across the NHS Area Team geography and, we feel, is indicative of generally good working relationships at this operational level.

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To help build understanding of the issues, the Council has used previous meetings to bring in various developers to discuss site specific issues. These meetings have also led to a number of other engagement activities over the last few years, including;

- MKC Capital Development Team leading on the design of the Brooklands Integrated Health & Social Care facility;
- An officer workshop on population projections / multipliers; an Estates 'Position Statement' from the CCG;
- Updates on local issues in Weekly News;
- Councillor briefings from NHSE senior officers;
- Presentations from NHSE and the CCG to Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee and the Health & Wellbeing Board.

Update on Key Sites:

Broughton Gate/ Brooklands

The current health centre building at Broughton Gate was granted permission on 'community reserve' land to provide a temporary facility until a permanent facility could be built for the whole of the Eastern Expansion Area (i.e. Broughton Gate and Brooklands). The current building has permission until December 2016. The Council is currently proposing to construct the building subject to confirmation from NHSE and MKCCG of long term GP tenancy from 2017.

The Council is working with NHS England CCG and landowners to make sure the current service continues until the new facility is ready. This is likely to require an extension of the planning permission for the current building.

The Council has identified £3.5 million of developer contributions to go towards the new permanent facility, which will be located at Brooklands, within a central 'square' area. The proposals for what services the healthcare facility will provide will shape the detailed land requirements and design of the actual building.

Strategic Land Allocation

The 'Strategic Land Allocation' (SLA) to the south and east of the city will accommodate the next round of housing and employment growth over the coming years. The SLA is planned to provide 2,900 new homes and most of the homes and facilities will be in an area that is south of the A421 and north of Wavendon village. A smaller area (Church Farm) is proposed next to Old Farm Park and Wavendon Gate.

The Council has calculated that around £2.5 million of developer contributions should be available from the planned level of housing development to go towards healthcare facilities at the new Brooklands Health Centre.

Western Expansion

Work to develop 6,500 new homes with their associated schools, open spaces, community facilities and employment land on the Western Expansion Area (WEA) has now started.

Planning permission for the WEA includes a 'local centre' and this is the place where new healthcare facilities will be located. The proposals for what services the facility will provide will shape the land requirements and design of the actual building but it is

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envisaged that the WEA Heath Centre will mirror the building and facilities to be built at Brooklands.

The Council have calculated that around £4.5 million of developer contributions should be made to healthcare facilities from the planned level of housing development in the WEA.

NHSE and MKCCG Estates Strategy

To establish what physical facilities are currently providing healthcare services in Milton Keynes, NHSE and MKCCG have commissioned a thorough analysis of location, type, age and use of everything from the University Hospital to individual GP surgeries. As a part of this review the Council has provided details of the facilities it owns that deliver social care functions.

The end result should be to increase the ability of healthcare partners to share resources more effectively whilst providing better services to more people.