

# Agenda Item 4

Report to	<b>Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire</b>
Date:	<b>16 September 2020</b>
Subject:	<b>Supplementary Chairman's Announcements</b>

## 1. **Vale Medical Group - Proposal to Close Branch Practice in Woolsthorpe and to Move into East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group**

### Introduction

The Vale Medical Group, comprising Long Clawson Medical Practice, the Stackyard Surgery in Croxton Kerrial (both in Leicestershire), and the Woolsthorpe Surgery (Lincolnshire), has announced a proposal to permanently close its branch practice in Woolsthorpe, following its temporary closure in March, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

At the same time, the Vale Medical Group is also proposing it moves the Stackyard Surgery from NHS Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), into NHS East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG, which would be an administrative move and a change to the community services provider. This would mean it would be able to provide more effective patient care and access to Leicestershire-based services, such as x-ray.

### Closure of Woolsthorpe Branch Surgery

The closure earlier this year of the Woolsthorpe Surgery was because it does not have the space to enable social distancing. Since then, GP services for patients registered at the Surgery have been provided from the Stackyard Surgery.

The Vale Medical Group is now actively seeking the views of its patients on its proposal to permanently close the Woolsthorpe Surgery, and has launched a consultation starting 1 September, which will run for eight weeks.

The Vale Medical Group has stated that the current size and layout of the Woolsthorpe Surgery, especially the reception and waiting area, are very small. As Covid-19 appears to be something that will be present for the long-term and they cannot accommodate patients safely whilst ensuring social distancing.

In addition, the car park at the Woolsthorpe Surgery has recently been declared unsafe by the local council, and, whilst patients and staff have previously used it, from a health and safety perspective, the Vale Medical Group does not feel that it can be used in the future. These are the primary reasons behind the proposal to permanently close the Woolsthorpe Surgery.

**I am seeking more information on the number of Lincolnshire residents affected by this proposed closure.**

## Proposal to Move to East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG

The Stackyard Surgery is located on the Lincolnshire and Leicestershire border and has worked well with both Lincolnshire CCG and East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG. Recently when primary care networks were formed, it was agreed that, along with the Woolsthorpe Surgery, it would be part of the Melton Syston Vale Primary Care Network, in Leicestershire.

The Vale Medical Groups has stated that for their patients, moving from Lincolnshire CCG to East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG should be beneficial, as they will be able to access services in Leicestershire that are not currently available. It is largely an administrative move and a change to the community services provider, so most patients probably will not notice any difference. The views of patients are being sought on this proposal.

### Responding to the Consultation

Patients will be able to complete a short survey, available online via the website [www.valemedicalgroup.co.uk](http://www.valemedicalgroup.co.uk), or a paper copy can be posted on request from any of the practices. Representatives of the Vale Medical Group will be hosting two online Zoom/Teams meetings at which there will be speaking and questions. More details on these meetings and other information will be made available via the Vale Group's website: [www.valemedicalgroup.co.uk](http://www.valemedicalgroup.co.uk)

## **2. Requests for Information from Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust**

Two requests for additional information were made from Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust at the last meeting, which will be circulated when available.

### Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services – Protocol on Transition (Minute 8 – 22 July 2020)

At the last meeting the Committee requested a copy of the protocol, which is used to manage the transition of young people into the receipt of support from adult mental services.

### Older Adult Home Treatment Service – Request for More Detailed Patient Feedback (Minute 9 – 22 July 2020)

At the last meeting the Committee requested more information on the patient feedback on the Older Adult home Treatment Service.

### **3. Annual Reports and Accounts 2019/20 and Annual Meetings**

Paragraph 11 of the Chairman's Announcements circulated with the agenda provided information on the annual reports and accounts, and annual public meetings. Further information on annual public meetings is below:

#### Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group

The annual public meeting of the Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group has been provisionally scheduled for 4pm on 24 September.

#### United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust -

The annual public meeting of the United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust has been scheduled for 25 September, with details of times to follow.

**In each case above, once details are finalised they will be sent to the Committee.**

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