

Questions submitted by Chipping Norton Hospital Action Group

We have addressed each of the questions in turn below. However, OCCG is aware that the Chipping Norton Hospital Action Group has been engaged in regular correspondence with the County Council about this matter and that they have addressed the majority of the queries raised below. Many of these points were specifically addressed in public papers, including as part of the recent consultation.

- 1. Can you please confirm that the new Chipping Norton Hospital including the 14 beds was designated a Community Hospital following the PCT's 2003/4 Public Consultation and that this was confirmed in subsequent letters from the PCT to our group and the Chipping Norton and district community?**

If not can you please provide copies of documents to support your answer?

OCCG does not have access to the PCT records; these were archived when the PCT ceased to exist on 31 March 2013.

- 2. Can you please confirm the Commissioning team was working to continue and enhance the provision of Chipping Norton Community Hospital services in February 2014?**

The services in Chipping Norton, as in the rest of the county, continue to be developed and reviewed on an ongoing basis. This includes the services provided by the County Council and those provided by the NHS. As discussed at the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 21 April 2016 the provision of all bedded services will be reviewed as part of our "Sustainability and Transformation Plan"

- 3. When did the OCCG agree to the downgrading of our Community Hospital status and on whose authority was this done. Can we please see minutes of the decision?**

Our view is that the provision of services from Chipping Norton has not been downgraded.

The Henry Cornish Care Centre is a unit providing Intermediate Care beds, based in the residential care home. The Henry Cornish Care Centre is on the same site as the Maternity Unit (a midwife led unit providing both antenatal and postnatal care) provided by Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and a range of NHS outpatient services and clinics (including child and adolescent services) provided by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust. The site as a whole has been variously referred to as a Community Health Centre, a Community Hospital and a Health Campus.

- 4. Can you please confirm the Henry Cornish specification written by the PCT was for Sub-Acute care for people of all ages (aged 18 and above) registered with a GP in Oxfordshire?**

Yes, it was. However, as has been explained previously, this definition of sub-acute care is no different from the current specification (as agreed in 2014) within which the interchangeable and confusing use of sub-acute, non-acute and intermediate care was clarified.

- 5. Can you please confirm the Henry Cornish Sub-Acute specification (see details above) is significantly different to and substantially above the Care Home Intermediate Care commissioned by OCC and now to be implemented at Chipping Norton under the Orders of St John?**

There is no material difference between any of the specifications. A summary of the differences between the contracts was sent to you by the Council, and published on their website as part of the consultation.

- 6. Can you please confirm whether patients with a wider range of and more complex, medical conditions could be treated under the 'Henry Cornish Sub-Acute Specification' written by the PCT than under the Care Home Intermediate Care, OCC is now to implement at Chipping Norton?**

As above, there has been no material change in the specifications and as such the same range and complexity of medical conditions are covered.

- 7. Can you please confirm that the Commissioning team in 2014 was working to provide NHS Sub-Acute care/Community Hospital services at Chipping Norton which it was stated would mean no change to the 'current' PCT written Sub-Acute specification?**

As stated above, there has been no material change in the specification.

- 8. Can you please confirm that just prior to the PCT handing over commissioning responsibilities to the OCCG the PCT wrote to our group/Chipping Norton community confirming the ongoing commitment to the beds being NHS beds solely for purpose of NHS care and that these beds would continue to be commissioned and funded by the NHS?**

As indicated in the answer to question 1 above we do not have the records of the PCT.

9. Can you please explain why and when OCCG decided against continuing with sole NHS commissioning of our Community Hospital, sub-acute beds and why was this not the subject of a public consultation?

In 2013 the CCG took on responsibility for contributions to the pooled budgets that the PCT had set up with the County Council. One of these was the Older People's pooled budget which the County Council is the lead commissioner for.

When the plans for the new Care Home and Primary Care Centre in Chipping Norton were agreed in March 2007, the former Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust agreed to purchase the Intermediate Care Beds, Primary Care and Maternity facilities on the site. The County Council agreed to purchase 20 residential care beds within the Henry Cornish Care Centre. It was this joint agreement which made the new development possible at the time.

The Henry Cornish beds are funded through the CCG contribution to the pool but are contracted and paid for by the council through the Oxfordshire Care Partnership arrangement (OSJ).

10. Can you please confirm how and when the Secretary of State for Health was informed there would be no change to Sub-Acute service provision specified for the 14 beds in Chipping Norton?

We are unable to answer this.

11. Can you please clarify why, when OCCG had made the 'no change to service specification' commitment to the S.o.S., in February 2014, it did not prevent OCC from instructing the commissioning team to downgrade the level of service in February 2014?

As stated previously, there has been no material change in the service specification and the service provided. As such, the statement to the Secretary of State was accurate and there has not been a downgrading of the level of service.

12. Can you please state what proportion of the budget for the 14 beds at Chipping Norton was paid for by the PCT both in the old and new hospitals?

The 14 beds were funded by the PCT prior to the opening of the new centre in 2011. As stated in answer to question 9 The Henry Cornish beds are funded through the CCG contribution to the pooled budget but are contracted and paid for by the council.

13. Can you please explain when the change from the NHS budget to the shared or pooled or OCC budget took place?

This was done prior to the establishment of OCCG.

14. Since the handover by the PCT, what proportion of the budget for Chipping Norton's 14 beds has been paid for by OCCG and what proportion has been paid for by OCC?

As above, the 14 beds are funded through the OCCG contribution to the pooled budget.

15. Can you please tell us whether the OCCG has ever been involved in any discussions or correspondence about the 14 beds in Chipping Norton providing any contribution towards the viability of the adjacent, or any other, Care Home and if so what was the basis and outcome of those exchanges?

OCCG has not been involved in discussions.

As the County Council is the lead commissioner and fully funds the intermediate care beds in Chipping Norton, OCCG does not have a role in implementation of the Cabinet decision of January 26th 2016. OCCG has been kept fully apprised of the development of the new working arrangements and the implementation of the transfer to Orders of St John Care Trust and does not share your concerns.