

2018.07 Board Questions

Re Paper 18/19 “OCCG Risks Register”: AF26 Delivery of Primary Care Services already has a high risk rating. Presumably this risk is increased by the decision announced last week by the two partners at Cogges Surgery, Witney that they are giving 6th months’ notice that they can no longer cope and must hand back their contract, because they have been unable to recruit more partners or find another Witney area surgery willing to take Cogges on as a branch. There is reference in this Board paper to “an innovative solution for Banbury” having been found. There was some discussion of this solution at a meeting on 24th July of the Public/Patient Partnership of West Oxon: is the Board able to provide more details of this solution in case it could be replicated to provide an answer to the situation at Cogges Surgery?

I am asking this question as one of the many patients registered at Cogges Surgery who are anxious to work with the practice and the CCG to avert another crisis in primary care in West Oxon – I have been registered at Cogges since 1991.

The CCG regularly reviews the risk status and actions taken to mitigate any risks. Risk AF26 Delivery of Primary Care Services is reported to the Oxfordshire Primary Care Commissioning Committee (OPCCC) who will consider any changes. An update on the solution from Banbury will be presented to the OPCCC meeting in September. This solution looks to bringing three practices together under one organisation to provide the benefits of working at scale and resilience.

More information on Cogges Surgery can be found at:

<https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/cogges/consultationHome>