

Barnoldswick NHS Meeting

Wednesday 10th May 2023
Meeting held on MS Teams

Present:

Alistair Rose, ICB, Director of Strategic Estates, Infrastructure and Sustainability

George Hurst, ICB, Estate Advisor

Collette Walsh, ICB, Deputy Director of Performance & Delivery

John Barbour, ICB, Head of Corporate Communications

Cllr David Whipp, PBC

Cllr Nadeem Ahmed, PBC

Cllr Chris Church, PBC

Cllr Mick Strickland, PBC

Rose Rouse, PBC, Chief Executive

Phillip Spurr, PBC, Director of Place

Overview

DW outlined the background of long-standing calls for improved facilities on a health centre model to replace the cramped, multi-level GP surgery and ageing Butts Clinic, the provision at the Rainhall Centre, the recent conversion of the former Yorkshire Bank for health service purposes, and a study carried out by CCG which didn't get anywhere due to GP's lack of support.

DW advised that PBC had previously offered a site for a purpose-built health centre (Rainhall Road car park), and also outlined issues of West Craven GP shortages and pharmacy provision.

RR referred to an immediately preceding meeting with Jackie Moran about One Public Estate and the potential this offers for shared service provision.

AR said that the Yorkshire Bank facility picks up the residual services from Butts Clinic, but is not the final answer. He advised that there is difficulty of funding investment in the North due to the low value of existing assets. He further advised that we would need to come up with a compelling case to get a scheme included in strategic infrastructure plan (owned by NHS England), and work up a plan and prepare a bid. No current funding programmes are available.

CW referred to the Fuller Report. Significant work is underway in relation to access to primary care; will look at access data in the light of this meeting.

CC referred to ambulance response times, which is another indicator of how health system is letting down local residents.

Next Steps

- GH is compiling information across the Pendle East PCN in preparation for PCN Estate Strategy, the first draft of which expected by the end of the calendar year.

- RR explore the potential for joint facilities through the One Public Estate programme, and will arrange a site visit.
- AR to establish a strategic infrastructure group - PBC will have a presence on this group.
- Agreed to meet again in three months.