

Health and wellbeing services in Teignmouth Update 3

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1. Background

In briefings over the winter, South Devon and Torbay Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has outlined how the CCG has developed a vision for health and wellbeing services in Teignmouth by engaging stakeholders and local people. A number of options have been evaluated that could deliver the vision of creating an integrated, strong and sustainable health and wellbeing service in the CCG's Coastal Locality. The locality includes Teignmouth, Dawlish and surrounding communities.

The updates explained how the CCG and health community was assessing the viability of potential options with a view to moving towards a proposal for public consultation. The proposal will set out how the CCG believes services can be further integrated to ensure sustainable primary care services to meet future demand. The intention is to enable a range of health and wellbeing services to be located together in a new centre, including Teignmouth's three GP practices, the health and wellbeing team and voluntary sector.

Through the public engagement process held in 2018, a site owned by Teignbridge District Council in Brunswick Street, Teignmouth, was identified as a preferred location for the health and wellbeing centre.

There is a desire to keep other services currently delivered from Teignmouth Hospital in the locality and we have been looking at where they can be best located for the future.

2. NHS England

The CCG and Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust discussed this with the Devon County Council Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee and has also taken part in an assurance process required by NHS England.

As stated in the last update, NHS England was supportive of the collaborative vision for care in Teignmouth and the Coastal Locality. They confirmed that while it was not necessary for the CCG to consult with the public on where the health and wellbeing centre is to be located, the need for a robust business case was essential to demonstrate that any vision for a health and wellbeing centre could be delivered before considering consulting on proposals to achieve the vision.

3. NHS South West Clinical Senate

Meanwhile, the regional Clinical Senate of NHS England has also reviewed the CCG's progress as part of the NHS England assurance process. The Clinical Senate provides independent and specialist advice and guidance to commissioners to help them make the best decisions on healthcare for the populations they represent. It is normal to undertake a clinical review of proposals to consider the clinical evidence base and clinical model behind proposed changes ahead of any public consultation.

The South West Clinical Senate reviewed the way care is currently provided in the Coastal Locality to seek assurance on the following questions:

1. Can the Clinical Senate be assured that the model of care being proposed for Teignmouth/the Coastal Locality is the same as the model reviewed in 2016 for other localities?
2. Can the Clinical Senate be assured that the 12 new rehabilitation beds originally proposed in the 2015 Consultation are now not required?
3. Can the Clinical Senate confirm that the relocation of services out of Teignmouth Community Hospital does not constitute a change in service model?

The panel was essentially checking the CCG's assertion that the model of care being used in Teignmouth is the same as that which emerged from the CCG's clinical case for change consultation in 2016, which has since been implemented successfully across South Devon and Torbay.

The outcomes were as follows.

1. The Clinical Senate was assured that the model of care proposed as part of the vision for Teignmouth is the same as that used in other localities.
2. The Clinical Senate stated that "It seems very clear that they do not need the 12 rehabilitation beds that were proposed for Teignmouth hospital in 2015, but which have never been implemented. The impact of the Integrated Care Team has reduced the need for beds despite the demographic and demand."
3. The Clinical Senate is satisfied that the relocation of services from the hospital does not constitute a change in the service model, stating "it is a variation in service capacity and location with reasonable justification."

4. Current position

As part of its focus on developing a robust business case for the Brunswick Street scheme, the Trust and the CCG have worked with site owners Teignbridge District Council to develop proposals aimed at overcoming some of the environmental and structural constraints of the site and complementing the authority's own regeneration plans, which were recently discussed by its [executive committee](#).

The health community remains committed to the health and wellbeing centre on the Brunswick Street site and is in positive discussions with the council, as it is a shared ambition.

Work continues on building design work and agreeing the space needed with GPs.

Further updates will be provided to the committee as the project develops.

Due to the need to ensure the health and wellbeing centre can be delivered before consulting with the public, the CCG has delayed the consultation and is focussed on developing the business case for the centre with the Trust, GPs and Teignbridge District Council.

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