

DECISION-MAKER:	PANEL B			
SUBJECT:	BITTERNE WALK-IN CENTRE -UPDATE ON THE NHS SOUTHAMPTON CITY TRUST BOARD DECISION			
DATE OF DECISION:	14 APRIL 2011			
REPORT OF:	MEDICAL DIRECTOR, NHS SOUTHAMPTON CITY			
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY
None

SUMMARY.

The panel is asked to note the decision and recommendations made by NHS Southampton City Trust Board on the future of Bitterne Walk In Centre

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To note the report by NHS Southampton City on the results of the public consultation on the future of the Walk-in Centre at Bitterne Health Centre.
- (ii) To note the report by Southampton LINK validating the consultation process.
- (iii) To note the decision and recommendations made by NHS Southampton City Trust Board on the future of Bitterne Walk In Centre.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note the outcome of the PCT's consultation process following consideration at Scrutiny Panel B's meeting in February. A report outlining the public consultation findings is attached, along with a report from Southampton LINK validating the consultation process and a paper with detail on GP access in the City.

CONSULTATION

2. Details of all the consultation activity is contained within the consultation report, and an analysis of the consultation process against the Government code of practice for consultations is provided in the LINK report.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. The options considered are outlined in the consultation report.

DETAIL

4. NHS Southampton City Trust Board met in public on Thursday 24 March to consider the report on the public consultation on the future of the walk-in centre and come to a decision.
5. In coming to their decision the Board noted the large response to the public consultation, with over 550 formal submissions received, and consideration was given to all views expressed. The result of the consultation was:
 - 81% of respondents chose option 2 (for the service to be available during weekday evenings, weekends and bank holidays)
 - 5% chose option 1 (for the service to be available during weekends and bank holidays)
 - 14% of respondents did not select an option
6. Following consideration the decision was taken to implement option 2, to have the service available during weekday evenings, weekends and bank holidays. The agreed change to the service will come into effect once discussions have taken place with provider of the service, Solent Healthcare, to establish a feasible date for the transition.
7. The Board also noted that respondents had expressed difficulty in accessing their GP as an alternative to the Walk-in Centre. As a result the Board requested that NHS Southampton City undertake further work to improve this area of healthcare and build on work which has already taken place to date to improve access and availability of GPs. Specific proposals will be brought to the next Board meeting in May for discussion

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

8. Not applicable

Revenue

9. The calculations of estimated service costs and estimated savings for option two are outlined below.
Option 2: Estimated Service cost £1,100,000K
Estimated recurrent savings £400K

Property

10. No decisions have been made regarding use of the building whilst not in use as a WIC but we will update Panel B at a later date.

Other

11. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

12. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the
13. Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Other Legal Implications:

14. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

15. None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Interim Report on Consultation to date on the Future of Bitterne Walk-in Service
2.	SLINK Validation Report on the BWIC Consultation

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

1.	None	
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Background documents available for inspection at: None

KEY DECISION? No **WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:** No