

Update on Creswell and Langwith Surgeries from Hardwick CCG for Derbyshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee – 14 March 2016

Following an intensive period of engagement with the communities of Creswell and Langwith, Hardwick CCG progressed to start the procurement of a new provider to the practice in October. Market engagement events were held and there were expressions of interest from a number of providers, from local practices, local NHS providers and the private sector. The invitation to tender was made at the end of October with a closing date of 4th December. The selection process was undertaken through evaluation of the submitted bids and an interview process and at the end of January a provider was selected. At the February Governing Body, Hardwick CCG formally ratified the appointment of Derbyshire Community Health Services FT as the selected provider. DCHS are the current caretaker provider so there should be a smooth handover to the new contract which we expect to start from April the 1st, three months earlier than planned.

Work has been ongoing on the replacement estate for primary care facilities in Creswell and Langwith. The CCG has been engaging heavily with the Craggs practice to gain assurance from NHS Property Services on the expected management charge for the new building in Creswell. The practice require assurance on this before signing the heads of terms. NHS Property Services require agreement of the heads of terms before progressing the case internally. DCHS have signed their agreement. The letters written by the ISC and Dennis Skinner MP, as well as the Parliamentary Questions that were raised by Dennis Skinner have helped in moving NHS Property Service organisational mindset in a favourable manner. The block at the moment is the practice agreement.

The Craggs Practice had its visit from the Care Quality Commission in December. The Practice operates out of facilities in Creswell and Whitwell. They have received an Inadequate Rating and have a six-month action plan to rectify the quality issues that were identified. Understandably, this has been a top priority for the practice. The practice is looking to consolidate office and managerial functions at the Whitwell site in response to CQC. This may require a change in the planned footprint for the development. This was discussed at a meeting last week brought together by the CCG with the practice, NHSPS, developer and Welbeck Estate.