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9 January 2020

Dear Dr Cotton

We are writing to you and to the other GPs working across Epsom and Ewell and Mole Valley reflecting our concern at the newly-launched consultation over the future of our local hospitals.

As you will be aware, the three CCGs have secured funding to build a new acute unit to replace the existing services at Epsom and St Helier, and are now consulting on where to locate that new unit. They have expressed a preference for this to be sited on the Sutton Hospital site, next to the Royal Marsden.

We have campaigned for many years against previous plans to transfer services from Epsom to St Helier, and would strongly oppose any decision to locate acute services there now. We remain uneasy about a decision to remove acute services from the two existing sites, though we do understand the clinical and operational arguments behind the recommendation.

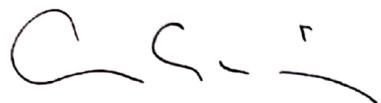
The consultation states that there is no clinical reason for choosing one site over another – the proposed model of care can be delivered at all three sites. Our preference is for the new facility to be sited at Epsom, which is at the geographic centre of the area covered by the Epsom and St Helier Trust. However, we recognise that there are also significant arguments in favour of the Sutton option, and that these also need serious consideration.

Before we formulate our own response to the consultation, we wanted to test the views of GPs across the two areas we represent, as we have done in the past. We would therefore be grateful if you could give us your view of what is proposed. We are happy to treat this in confidence if you wish. In addition, we would be

grateful for your reassurance that you and your colleagues have been properly involved in shaping our own Surrey Downs CCG's view of what is the right way forward, and that their strategy represents the collective view of our local doctors.

We are grateful for your time and will look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes



Rt Hon Chris Grayling
MP for Epsom and Ewell



Sir Paul Beresford
MP for Mole Valley

To: TAIT, Matthew (NHS SURREY DOWNS CCG)
Subject: RE: Some extra questions...

Dear Matthew

Thank you for this.

I have to say that reading this, and also the other responses you have sent me, it is clear that there are some serious shortcomings in the analysis that underlies the business case.

As we have already discussed, it relies on housing projections only up to 2024 and does not appear to take into account the new housing targets, which the Inspectorate is mandated to ensure are delivered, and which are higher than the ONS data.

And then in addition, the Transport data relies on current population numbers and not even those projected at the time when the new unit would open.

We know that the clinical model is deliverable across all three sites. We know that Epsom is cheaper for the Epsom and St Helier Trust. And we also know that there are substantial and currently ignored demographic trends in Surrey.

So for example, what has been done to assess the impact of the projected population growth on other Surrey hospitals if Sutton is chosen rather than Epsom. Surely the same pressures on Guildford, St Peter's and East Surrey will be present if acute services move north from Epsom as are currently projected for Kingston, St George's and Croydon if services move south from Sutton. We don't know which would be the greater because you seem to be using the wrong datasets.

And actually what matters is what the situation will be in 2030 and not today or 2024 – or even later – when it comes to using data for this business case. If the Government is spending £500m, then that money needs to serve the area for a long time and needs to be applied in a way that uses projected data over the medium term.

I am not saying that your recommendation is necessarily wrong, but by using the wrong or inadequate data it may not be right.

And if someone (not me) decides to judicially review this, then I think you have a potential problem.

A couple of other points.

Surely there will have to be 24-7 doctor cover in the Epsom Urgent Treatment Centre, or otherwise it will not be possible for the ambulance service to bring the frail elderly in. There would surely need to be a medical assessment before they could either be sent home with the wrap around care that is part of Epsom Health and Care, or admitted to a geriatric ward.

And what assumptions have you made about additional pressure on Sutton caused by a significant switch of patients away from Croydon, which would be inevitable in the area round the North East of the Borough of Sutton and South West of Croydon?

Best wishes

Chris

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From: GRAYLING, Chris [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2020 12:35

Subject: FW: News from Chris Grayling MP

Hello there. A request from a constituent.

Best wishes

From:
Sent: 12 February 2020 11:41
To: GRAYLING, Chris
Subject: Re: News from Chris Grayling MP

Dear My Grayling,

Thank you for your email and I will complete your survey once I have had an opportunity to study the plans as I have no views one way or the other at the moment.

Yesterday I attended the consultation event in an attempt to better understand the proposals. You may have already had reports about this.

It was disappointing that the room the Trust / CCGs had for the consultation did not have sufficient space for everyone who wished to attend. All of the seats were taken and I estimate that there were about 100 people standing. A member of the audience stated that 50 people had been locked out of the consultation presumably because the room was full.. Unfortunately I have commitments on a Tuesday evening and had to leave early. There were a large number of people standing in the lobby of the grandstand when I left which leads me to believe that people were locked out.

This was billed as a consultation event. It was disappointing that none of the opponents of the scheme were allowed time to present and put their case other than by asking questions. Had they been allowed time, I think the attendees would have had a more balanced view of the proposal and less time might have been taken up by the opponents asking long questions in an attempt to put their case. It was established that some of the points they made were valid.

I was also disappointed that all of the consultation events for Epsom were arranged for Tuesdays unlike other areas where events were arranged. I have spoken to others who are unable to attend meetings on Tuesdays and were disappointed that they would not be able to attend.

I would suggest that another evening event is required in Epsom to cater for the large interest in this topic and that it should provide equal time for the Trust / CCGs and opponents to their plans to put their case. Could you persuade the Trust / CCGs to organise another event?

Best regards,

Epsom

On Wed, 12 Feb 2020 at 10:59, Chris Grayling MP wrote:

Dear constituent

As I indicated to you recently, The NHS has launched its formal consultation about the proposed new £400 million acute hospital, which it wants to build during the 2020s to serve our area. It has not formally decided where it wants to build the hospital, but is recommending that the final decision should be to have the new facility on the Sutton Hospital site next to the Royal Marsden.

I support the new investment, as there is no doubt that the existing services at both St Helier and Epsom are sited in buildings which are not going to be fit for the future. It's clearly good for everyone who uses the NHS locally to have access to new facilities. The option of having a new hospital built on a site between Epsom and St Helier, and adjoining the Marsden, is clearly a strong option. But I believe that there is also a strong case for the investment to be Epsom and I am making that case to the NHS. The NHS accepts that all three sites can deliver the clinical benefits of the new investment. The Mole Valley MP, Sir Paul Beresford, and I are making the case for Epsom, but we need your views as well.

I think Epsom is the best site because:

- It is at the centre of the geographic area covered by the Epsom and St Helier Trust. The Trust's area runs from the southern part of Merton in the north to Bookham in the south.
- It has much better transport links than the Sutton site, which is only accessible through narrow residential roads and has poorer public transport links.

- The NHS has failed to take into account the substantial house building programme expected in Surrey in the next few years. This will mean that there will be far more users of the hospital based in Surrey than at present.

And it's cheaper to build!

Whatever happens, Epsom will retain much of its current work – and it will definitely not close. The services that would remain at Epsom would be all current outpatient and day case clinics and surgery, diagnostics, chemotherapy, inpatient care for less seriously ill patients, post- and ante-natal care, and planned orthopaedic surgery. There would also be an urgent treatment centre that would deal with about two thirds of current A&E attendances.

But I still believe Epsom to be the best option for the new investment in acute services. I hope you agree with me. If so please fill in the survey so I can pass your views on to the NHS.

Many thanks.

Best wishes

Chris Grayling

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Could I trouble your team to get a response to these please.

Best wishes

Chris

From:

Sent: 27 February 2020 16:37

To: GRAYLING, Chris

Subject: Re: Questions for the improving healthcare consultation 2020

Dear Mr Grayling,

Hope you are well.

After attending the consultations at Bourne Hall and Epsom Grandstand I would be grateful if you could put forward the following questions to the consultation group improving healthcare 2020 for Epsom, StHelier and Sutton hospitals.

I did try to contact them on their website contact page but neither the email or contact form work!

1. Does the consultation include allocating beds for patients coming from neighbouring areas such as Carshalton, Banstead, Coulsdon, Burgh Heath, Tadworth and Kingswood etc. ?The Sutton hospital option may be closer for them than travelling to either Croydon or East Surrey Hospital (Redhill). The Epsom hospital site option for the specialist care would involve allocating another 200 beds to other hospitals which they say is a cost to the taxpayer but does not mention in the consultation of the number of beds allocated for neighbouring areas to come to Sutton hospital given that it is at the edge of the boundary.
2. I would also like to find out more about aftercare given that the preferred option is to send patients home as soon as possible to recover in their own home. From personal experience many patients do not have access to downstairs toilets, washroom facilities or a carer to help them with medication, dressings etc so can involve a life changing decision to move to a nursing home because of these needs. Most of the private nursing homes can range up to £2,000 or more per week so not always feasible or practical to stay at home. Would it not be better to allocate some of the money to provide more nursing homes given the ageing population in the borough?

If you require any further information then please let me know.

Kind regards,

Chair & Membership secretary
Cuddington Residents Association
www.cuddingtonra.org

Sent from my iPhone

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Hello there. Just to check that this has been taken into account.

I think it would be helpful to have another meeting a little later in the consultation and I will ask my office to fix. To let you know, I have been conducting an on-line opinion survey locally about the consultation and will be submitting all of the responses where they have given me comments, which I would be grateful if you could consider both individually and in the round as part of the assessment of responses.

Best wishes

Chris

From:
Sent: 14 February 2020 10:20
To:
Subject: Epsom hospital

Contact's Name:
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Contact's Number:
Contact's Address:
Contact's Town: Epsom
Contact's County: Surrey
Contact's Postal Address:
Subject: Epsom hospital

Message:

I'm interested to know how these plans would work alongside another NHS consultation in to the future of childhood cancer services at the Marsden. If the Marsden won and needed to expand their facilities to accommodate paediatric ICU, would this impact on space available for a new hospital, and does that give weight to the argument to put the new hospital in Epsom? <https://www.itmustbemarsden.org.uk/get-involved/>

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