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**NHS Capital Programme Projects - GP Premises in Wolverhampton
Wolverhampton Health Scrutiny Committee Meeting
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Representatives from NHS England, Wolverhampton CCG and NHS Property Services met with Council Officers on the 12th September to discuss the council and NHS development plans with a view to understanding how those plans can best be co-ordinated. Meetings will be held on a regular basis in the future.

Bradley

There are two practices in Bradley operating from premises that are in need of improvement. One of them is in a council owned premise which is converted from a school. Consideration is being given to whether a new development to house both practices would be a suitable solution or investment in the current premises to bring the practices up to a good standard. We discussed this at the above meeting and an assessment will be made as to whether the school building could be sufficiently improved.

Bilston Urban Village

NHS England has approved in principle the development of a new Health Centre on the Urban Village site. Work is now progressing towards a full business case and a project board has been formed to manage that process. Regular meetings have commenced to work towards the production of a business plan with the site developers that is in line with the timescales envisaged for the Urban Village generally. The sale of the site by Homes and Community Agency to the developers, Stofords, can be finalised as soon as the business case for the development is finalised and approved by NHS England. But all parties are now content that the project is progressing in the timescales required and the plan for the building are largely complete..

The Scotlands

Two practices are now operating from the Cannock Road surgery and have merged, as the practices that were formerly on Blackhalve Lane have now moved into these premises. Plans are now being drawn up for the extension of those premises to cope with the increased list size and additional GPs in the premises. Capital resources have been secured for the development and NHS Property Services are working with the practice to agree the extension needed. Car Parking is an issue and we discussed this at our meeting with the council and options to improve that situation are being explored.

Heath Town

A number of discussions have been held with the practice and with officers of the council. The council had made NHS England aware of the availability of a building they own on Hobgate Road that could be converted to a surgery and replace the one that is due for demolition in the centre of Heath Town. However an alternative site is now looking preferable on the site of the former Duke of York pub that will possibly also have Extra Care facilities. The GP in Heath Town has been a single handed practice but the intention is to make it a two GP practice to allow for the recruitment of a new partner for the practice that will provide succession when the current GP retires. This also takes account of the increased housing units that will be in Heath Town after the area development.

Showell Park

The prospective development of this area has been discussed with the council and will be considered with regard to decisions about the future development of the practice and walk in centre in that locality.

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