

Title:	Clennon Valley Healthy Living Centre Update		
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The purpose of this report is to brief Torbay Council Health Scrutiny Board with respect to the latest developments and significant changes concerning the proposed Clennon Valley Healthy Living Centre scheme.

1. Background

At the Health Scrutiny Committee on 8th April 2010 the board considered the results of the Public Consultation exercise undertaken by the Trust between December 2009 and February 2010 to seek views from the Paignton community with respect to the scheme and which services would be provided in the proposed building. The Healthy Living Centre for Health and Social Care has formed part of the strategic direction for Health and Social Care services in Paignton for a number of years.

At that stage the proposal for the scheme included the following

- Enable the relocation of the Grosvenor Road and Withycombe Lodge General Medical Practice Surgeries to fit for purpose facilities.
- Achieve integration of health and social services which will in turn enhance the service received by the service user.
- Enable the Devon Partnership Trust to provide modern mental health services
- Enable the shift of outpatient activity from Torbay Hospital to a more localised setting.

2. Public Consultation

The wide ranging consultation included a leaflet sent to households in Paignton, attendance at Ward Partnership meetings and other community forums such as hard to reach groups, a slot on the Council consultation caravan and a public meeting.

The proposal to relocate the two GP surgeries is a key component of the scheme. Out of the combined patients' numbers for Grosvenor Road and Whitycombe Lodge only 0.2% commented via the leaflet, with only 5 people explicitly against. The conclusion drawn from this is that the patients are content with the proposal in general terms. As anticipated issues centred around parking arrangements on site proved the liveliest topic. However the provision of adequate parking at Clennon Valley site and the proposed pay on exit scheme proved positive features in feedback. With respect to the main concerns raised in the feedback the Trust intended to mitigate these are follows:

Concerns with respect to sufficient parking on site?	The current number of parking spaces currently at Clennon Valley will still be available on completion of the scheme
Concerns with respect to pay and display parking arrangements at Clennon Valley?	Clennon is a pay and display car park, however a pay on exit scheme will be used and short-term/drop off visits will be free for approximately 10/15 minutes. A detailed parking management arrangement to be agreed with Torbay Leisure Centre
Concerns with respect to the proposed location at Clennon Valley and why other suggested options are not viable?	The current site is the only viable location identified following detailed site searches over several years. The poor condition of the existing trust estates means that a new facility for these services required.
Concerns about GP relocation to Clennon Valley?	Statistically no significant opposition to these proposed moves emerged from the consultation. The current GP accommodation is neither fit for purpose or sustainable.

3. Scheme review

Following the consultation all aspects of the Clennon Valley scheme have been subject to review to examine the potential to progress to a Full Business Case for the project. During May and June reports were presented to the Trust's Management Team and Board to enable them to make decisions about the scope and affordability the scheme and on what basis to proceed. It should be noted that since the Outline Business Case stage of the scheme a number of significant changes have occurred that impact upon the viability of the proposed scheme. This scheme review has taken place against a materially changed financial environment for the public sector which is a very different one from when the initial scheme was envisaged. Clearly this is a key factor to consider when making budgetary commitments.

- (a) An element of the project previously discussed by the Health Scrutiny Board was the provision of facilities for specialist outpatient clinics as part of the proposed building at Clennon Valley. In the context of changing economic conditions the local NHS has reached the conclusion that transfer of clinics is not appropriate at present and therefore this element of the scheme will now not proceed.
- (b) A review of Day Care services for Older People has also been commissioned by the Trust which will also report to Health Scrutiny in due course. The emerging view from this process is that Day Care Services undertaken by the Trust are now unlikely to be commissioned in the proposed space at Clennon Valley and therefore this strand has also been deleted from the scheme.
- (c) In general terms the financial climate has become significantly more challenging for NHS and the public sector since the projects Outline Business Case stage. This is likely to be the position for the foreseeable future. As a result of the proposed schemes content has been reviewed and re-prioritised through the prism of challenging current and future financial pressures.

Taking the above points into consideration it is no longer appropriate to proceed with the scheme as previously reported to Health Scrutiny and approved at the Outline Business Case stage.

4. Board Decision

Given the combination of above circumstances the Management Team and Board have reached the view that the full Clennon Valley scheme as envisaged can no longer proceed. The following decision was approved at the Trust's June Board.

- a.** That the full Clennon Valley scheme should not proceed as previously envisaged. Specifically that the elements of the project that included Out Patients space, Day Care Services/Rehab space, Paignton Health and Social Care team and DPT office accommodation are deleted from the proposal in full. As a consequence the Paignton Zone team will remain at Paignton Hospital.
- b.** Support the relocation of GP's services from Grosvenor Road and Withycombe Lodge surgeries as part of a smaller new build scheme at the Clennon Valley site or at an alternative/viable location in central Paignton to be determined.
- c.** That capital investments are made at Midvale Clinic site to address Backlog Maintenance requirements now that the services in that building will not be part of the Clennon Valley scheme.
- d.** An early briefing is reported to The Health Scrutiny Committee in July.
- e.** To brief Torbay Council at a senior level of the changes to the scheme as above and to secure the Council's support for the retention of the site/land deal arrangements at Clennon Valley for the GP based scheme to proceed. (This is actively under consideration with Torbay Development Agency for Clennon Valley or an alternative site in central Paignton that would reflect the GP's catchment area)

5. Next stages

Once the land at Clennon Valley and its associated arrangements are secured the Trust and the GP's will commission a re-design and value for money assessment of a scheme in the same location on the Clennon Valley car park for Grosvenor Road and Withycombe Lodge General Medical Practice Surgeries. The same process will apply for an alternative location if applicable for the scheme. Progress reports will follow to Health Scrutiny in due course. The provision of a GP scheme at Clennon Valley or an alternative site in central Paignton will be a significant step forwards for the 8,000 patients of the two surgeries concerned.

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