

THE GATEWAY REPROCUREMENT & CHANTRY BRIDGE DISPERSAL

Background

Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group received delegated authority to commission GP services in Rotherham from 1 April 2015. Health Scrutiny committee has been kept updated in relation to the drafting of the interim GP strategy however there were a number of operational contracting issues handed over to RCCG as part of delegation. This included the requirement to re-procure the Chantry and Gateway contracts as Chantry was due to expire in September 2015 and the Gateway is due to cease on 31 March 2016.

Committee members will be aware that The Gateway is a social enterprise consisting of 3 practices; The Gate, Canklow and Rosehill. RCCG is working closely with the Gateway in relation to this requirement and will be briefing patients in early October. The services provided from the Gateway will not be subject to any change.

Chantry Bridge is currently provided by Care UK and operates from Rotherham Community Health Centre.

Process

Chantry

The CCG's delegated committee for primary care approved a full re-procurement for retaining services at Rotherham Community Health Centre. Following this competitive process, unfortunately there was no compliant provider to retain GP services at the centre. Therefore, the CCG is managing the transfer of around 1,700 patients to other GP practices across Rotherham.

The walk-in centre and all other health services currently provided at Rotherham Community Health Centre will remain open to all Rotherham patients and is not affected by the changes to Chantry Bridge GP practice.

Gateway

RCCG is re-procuring the services for the Gateway practice in their current format and therefore, subject to re-procurement being successful, patients will not see any change to the services delivered from these practices. We are legally required, because of the length and size of the contract to tender these services openly. The Gateway practice understand this requirement. If the current provider is unsuccessful, TUPE regulations are applicable and therefore staff currently employed within the practices will be transferred.

RCCG will be in the practices during October to explain the re-procurement process to patients and to answer any questions they may have. The timeline for the process is as follows:

15 October	Invitation to tender published
26 November	Deadline for responses
w.c 4 January	Notification to providers
1 April	Contract mobilised

As this is for a larger population and the existing provider is keen to continue, a similar situation to that which occurred at the Chantry is not expected.

RCCG will advise Health Scrutiny Committee of the successful provider once the procurement process has concluded.

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