

Dover and Aylesham PBC Consortium

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A Statement

From: The Dover & Aylesham Practice-based Commissioning (PbC) Consortium

Re: The development of a new healthcare facility for Dover

This statement confirms the current position of the Dover PbC Consortium.

The Consortium completed a comprehensive Commissioning Intentions document for health services for Dover in July 2008. This document has been compiled with help from, and the full support of, NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent Commissioning Team and received the approval of the NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent Board in 2008.

The commissioning intentions are underpinned by the need for and development of locally accessible and appropriate healthcare facilities. The effective delivery of health and wellbeing services in Dover is dependent on the building of a significantly improved healthcare facility. It is anticipated that this will require a new Dover hospital.

The primary concern of the Dover PbC Consortium is to ensure that any new build enables us to implement our commissioning intentions as soon as possible.

The main criteria agreed by the Consortium as prerequisites for a healthcare facility site are that it must:-

1. Be easily accessible to the majority of the Dover District population, including the more economically deprived areas – ‘accessibility’ to mean not only transport, but also hours of clinical service and a comprehensive range of services that deliver care locally.
2. Support current services and enable the development of additional and improved services.
3. Be served by comprehensive and efficient public transport links and provide appropriate car-parking for patients and staff.

The Consortium, at present, does not have a preferred location for the facility but it is clear that the current Buckland Hospital buildings are not fit for purpose.

We are committed to commissioning intermediate care beds on one site with a preference that they are integrated or co-located on the new hospital site.

Statement ends.