

Dover Healthcare



5th September 2008

HOSC Recommendation made on the 9th May 2008

- The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee of KCC strongly recommend and support East Kent Hospitals Trust working closely with the ECK PCT and Dover District Council to locate a central site in Dover for the Community Hospital Services for the population of Dover and the surrounding areas
- This proposal to be delivered to the EKHT by the end of August 2008. This third option to be considered and evaluated alongside options 1 and 2 concerning the Buckland Hospital site

Identifying a potential central site:

Investigation of site options:

- Talked to Dover District Council
- Undertook a land search
- Members of the public given the opportunity to propose sites

Developed criteria and priorities for site selection:

- 11th June – commissioning plans for Dover discussed to raise awareness of the services to be provided (78 people)
- 22nd July – Development and prioritisation of the criteria for site selection (32 people)
- Worked with other partners (PBC, DDC, EKHT and others) to prioritise their criteria for site selection

Other views considered:

- Dover District Council OSC – presentation on 17th June *endorsed the proposal to locate a central and accessible site in Dover for community hospital services for the population of Dover and the surrounding areas*
- Petition submitted July – for the provision of a general hospital in Dover
- Dover and Aylesham PBC Consortium commissioning intentions supported by PCT Board in July 2008
- 14th August – current preferred site discussed with members of the public (52 people)

Background

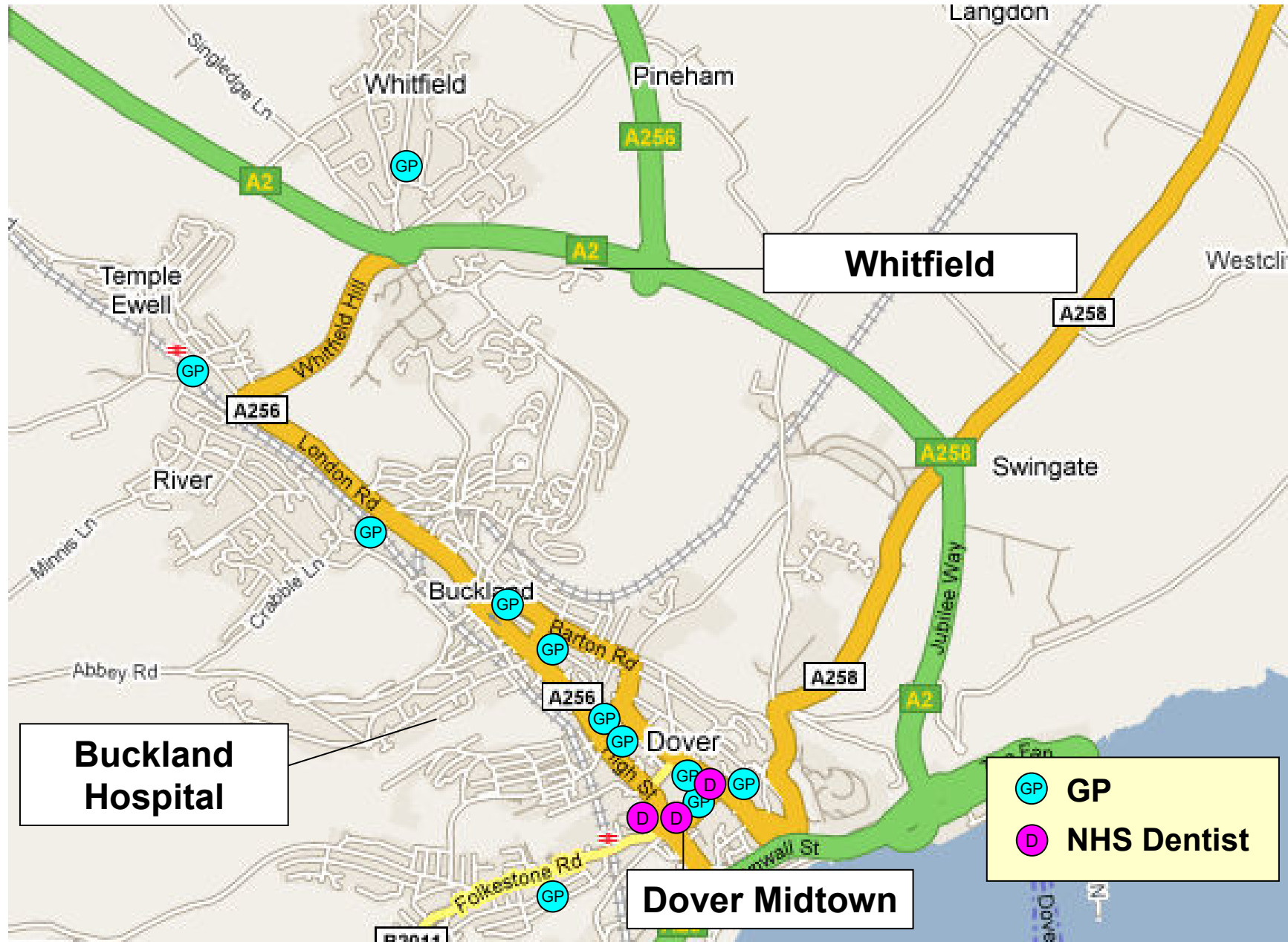
- June 2003 Independent Reconfiguration panel determines acute sites in Ashford, Canterbury and Margate working together to provide sustainable acute services
- October 2003 future location of acute services agreed by local PCTs
- March 2006 Full implementation of acute service changes by EKHT
- June 2008 Clinical GP leaders in Dover exclude inpatient and other acute services from their commissioning intentions for reasons of safety and clinical effectiveness

Site Selection Criteria – combination of views from public and partner organisations

- Supports the delivery of commissioning intentions
- Transport and car parking
- Accessibility - % of households in Dover District within 30 minutes of site by public transport or on foot
- Future Proofing – potential for expansion, able to adapt to changes in need/service
- Deliverability – time scale, site availability
- Value for Money
- Adjacencies with other health services e.g. GPs, dentists, clinics
- Wider considerations – regeneration, deprivation, attracting staff

Site Selection

- A number of sites were excluded on the basis that they were:
 - Not currently available
 - No better than short listed options
 - Couldn't support the commissioning intentions
- All selection criteria applied to the three shortlisted sites.
- Each site has advantages and risks/disadvantages
- Three short-listed options
 - Mid Town Development
 - Whitfield (White Cliffs)
 - Rebuild on Buckland Hospital site



Whitfield White Cliffs:

Advantages: Car parking,
Potential for future expansion
Supports delivery of commissioning intentions

Disadvantages:
Cost of site purchase at commercial rates
Deliverability – requires site acquisition on open market, change of planning use, public transport realigned, setting up of road/ utilities infrastructure
Outside areas of deprivation
Moves services and resources away from centre of regeneration
Accessibility – 30.7% of households within 30 minutes
Not adjacent to other health services

Buckland New Build:

Advantages:

- Car parking
- Potential for future expansion
- Supports delivery of commissioning intentions
- Deliverability – site in EKHT ownership, site designated for health use
- Good access from St Radigund's ward
- No site purchase cost

Disadvantages:

- Poor access from other disadvantaged wards
- No positive impact on regeneration
- Accessibility – 34.3% of households within 30 minutes
- Not adjacent to other health services

Mid Town:

- Advantages:
- Car parking,
 - Potential for future expansion
 - Supports delivery of commissioning intentions
 - Deliverability – site in DDC/PCT ownership,
 - Good access from all deprived wards
 - Site purchase costs within public sector partnership
 - Accessibility – 56.2% of households within 30 minutes
 - Positive impact on regeneration
 - Adjacent to other health services
- Disadvantage:
- Awaiting assurance re costs to mitigate any flood risk

Next Steps

- Views of HOSC – 5th September 2008
- PCT Board paper issued to Dover Community from 10th September
- PCT Board meeting in public 17th September 2008, The Ark, Dover
 - single topic debate 9.00 – 1030 am to make decision on preferred option
- EKHUT – will consider response to preferred option

Service Improvements – Work going on now

- Further improvement and investment in intermediate care
- Look at extending the MIU opening Hours
- Investigate “Hospice at Home”
- More outpatients in Buckland
Trauma, orthopaedic, diagnostics, ear, nose and throat, ophthalmology, gynaecology
- Introduce children's centre in the Dover area for pre school children
- More NHS Dentists