

**North Yorkshire County Council**  
**Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee**  
**28 August 2019**

**Friary Hospital, Richmond - update**

**1.0 Purpose of report**

To provide a brief update on the current situation regarding the Friary Hospital, Richmond

**2.0 Background**

Members will recall that, at the Meeting of the Area Constituency Committee held on 21 November 2018 it was agreed that the Committee keep a watching brief on the future use of the Friary Hospital, Richmond, on behalf of the Scrutiny of Health Committee.

The following brief details from the Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), are provided to ensure Members are kept up-to-date on the situation at the Friary.

**3.0 Update**

Lisa Pope, Deputy Chief Operating officer of Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG advised members of Richmondshire District Council, in January 2019, that the CCG had ambitions for a “positive future” for The Friary Hospital premises in Richmond. Her statement followed the CCG revealing last year that it was considering the future of the Queens Road private finance initiative building to “to ensure we are spending money in the right way”. When speaking to the Council’s scrutiny committee Ms Pope stated that the CCG was continuing to talk to partners and the two GP practices in Richmond about the provision of primary care services.

She stated: “It looks like a very positive way forward, but we’re working with the practices to determine what they want to do with the future of their businesses. There’s no intention to take services or GP practices out of Richmond. We understand how valued the Friary is and we are looking to establish a positive future for the building.”

**3.1** Subsequently (July 2019) the CCG had issued the following statement:-

“The urgent temporary changes at the ‘front of house@ at the Friarage Hospital are in no way related to the Friary Hospital.

It is understandable that public concerns about the future of the Friary Hospital may surface, but can we assure you that our position has not changed since we addressed the issue with Richmondshire District Council in January 2019.

We are continuing to work closely with NHS Service Providers, Queens Road and Quaker Lane GP Practices, on determining a positive future for the provision of NHS Primary Care Services to patients in Richmond and wider communities in the surrounding area.

We understand how valued the Friary Hospital is to the town of Richmond.

Our commitment to care closer to home remains paramount and at the core of NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG.”

#### **4.0 Recommendation**

That the update be noted.

Background papers

None

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