



**North Yorkshire County Council
Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee - 31 August 2018
Castleberg Community Hospital, Giggleswick – update**

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To update the committee on progress with the Castleberg Community Hospital at Giggleswick and identify any lines of enquiry for the committee to pursue.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Castleberg Community Hospital in Giggleswick was unexpectedly closed in April 2017 due to patient safety concerns, relating to the structure of the building. Following this temporary closure, Airedale Wharfedale and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group considered future options. One, to build a new development, was ruled out on affordability grounds. The remaining two options were subject to public consultation, as below:

- Option One - continue to provide inpatient care in the community and repair/reopen Castleberg Hospital
- Option Two - provide care in people's homes or in an alternative community setting (determined by need), and close Castleberg Hospital.

- 2.2 On the 8 May 2018 the governing body of the Airedale Wharfedale and Craven CCG decided to support the proposal that the Castleberg hospital be re-opened once repairs had been undertaken. Also included was the recommendation that the Castleberg is developed as a community based facility with options for a broader range of support services particularly the voluntary sector.

3.0 Progress with the development of the Castleberg Community Hospital

- 3.1 An operational mobilisation group has been established by the CCG and NHS property Services to oversee the necessary work and the recommencement of service provision at the hospital. This includes the providers of the service.
- 3.2 NHS Property Services have arranged for the property to be re-surveyed to assess the current state and what works are required. The hope had been that all necessary remedial works could be completed and services provided from the site by 1 December 2018. This now looks unlikely and may be delayed until the New Year.

3.3 NHS Property Services are meeting with the service provider to see if space on the ground floor of the hospital could be freed up for alternative use by volunteers/VCS taking a community asset based approach. It is likely that there will be space on the first floor which could be utilised but the costs of installing a lift have proved to be prohibitive so it is unlikely that this could be accommodated.

3.4 The service provider is currently recruiting staff and preparing to mobilise at the earliest opportunity pending completion of the necessary remedial work.

4.0 Overview and scrutiny

4.1 The North Yorkshire County Council Scrutiny of Health Committee has requested that the Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee takes on the lead responsibility for the scrutiny of the implementation of the plans for the delivery of services at the Castleberg Community Hospital. The Area Constituency Committee is in a unique position to assess the local impact and long term sustainability of the services that are being put in place and then make any necessary recommendations to the Scrutiny of Health Committee.

5.0 Lines of enquiry

5.1 There are a number of lines of enquiry that the committee may wish to consider as part of the development of a more in-depth piece of scrutiny work on the implementation of the plans for the delivery of services at the Castleberg Community Hospital, including:

- When will the hospital re-open?
- What health, social care and mental health services will be provided?
- What will the links be with primary care (GPs)?
- What role does the County Council and the District Council have to play?
- What will the links be with the voluntary and community sector?
- Is there a model that could be applied elsewhere in the area of the county?
- What lessons have been learnt?

6.0 Recommendations

6.1 That the committee takes on the lead responsibility for the scrutiny of the implementation of the plans for the delivery of services at the Castleberg Community Hospital.

6.2 That the committee identifies some specific lines of enquiry to follow up at its next meeting.

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