

This question follows a previous one discussed at the meeting on 26 September 2024.

Question

In the planning consultation webinar held on 14th August Nick Thomas and Richard Clewer discussed an appetite for cross border collaboration. Having personally attended the planning consultation in March this year for the Test Valley development of Ludgershall I discussed their plans for healthcare provision, and they stated they had already been having discussions with Primary Care- when questioned further, those conversations were practices in Andover, Hampshire Practices and with Hampshire ICB. Those practices are some 6 miles plus away, NOT Ludgershall which is within a mile of the proposed construction area. We highlighted this to our own ICB Estates Team who subsequently wrote to Test Valley, as did the practice.

There needs to be a joined-up approach with the councils working together, carrying out due diligence, consulting with the *correct* primary care services who will be serving those new residents. Planning is key and *must* include *both* county councils, due to Ludgershall's location on the county border. How can we ensure that a collaborative approach will be taken to develop the area with a coherent and planned approach, rather than allowing it to just "evolve" using Richard Clewer's analogy to "cookie cutter developments". How can we ensure that whilst "easy options" such as using the greenfield areas for development by developers, (which our local area is surrounded by), rather than brownfield sites, that healthcare provision is not also taken down the "easy option" of maybe building a care home rather than investing in Primary Care services.

To ensure that those providing and using the local Primary Care services are included and involved in shaping those services and cease the eroding of Primary Care for the local community and to represent good value for money for the public purse.

Response

Thank you for sharing your thoughts following the response to Question 1, provided as part of your note following the meeting.

With regard to Question 2, we agree that the impact of development does not stop at local authority boundaries and there is a need to ensure that any potential impacts arising from developments in neighbouring areas on infrastructure, including health, is appropriately considered. Any additional development planned for by Test Valley Borough Council at Ludgershall and neighbouring sites would need to take into consideration the impact on access to healthcare services feedback from the Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board (BSW ICB)

so that further dialogue can take place as necessary. BSW ICB has confirmed that they are engaged with Test Valley Borough Council's Local Plan process and continues to engage with NHS Hampshire & Isle of Wight ICB. Your concerns are noted and we will continue with our ongoing engagement with Test Valley Borough Council on their emerging Local Plan and responding to planning consultations, raise the issue of health infrastructure need as part of our cross boundary working with them.

A full update on primary care estates will be provided at the Wiltshire Health and Wellbeing Board meeting in January.