

# London Borough of Bromley

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## HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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**Report Title:** HEALTHCARE FACILITIES IN BROMLEY

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### 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. Local ward members in Bromley Town have raised concern about the adequate future provision of primary care provision given the anticipated increase in new residents from new residential development.
  - 1.2. This report provides an update on the progress to date with increasing the provision of healthcare services in Bromley Town Centre.
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### 2. REASON FOR REPORT GOING TO HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

- 2.1. The Health & Wellbeing Board has a responsibility for identifying strategic needs for health in the borough.
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### 3. SPECIFIC ACTION REQUIRED BY HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD AND ITS CONSTITUENT PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

- 3.1. For the Health & Wellbeing Board to note the progress made to date on identifying extra provision in Bromley Town for primary care.
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Health & Wellbeing Strategy

1. Related priority: Not applicable
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: N/A
  2. Ongoing costs: N/A
  3. Total savings (if applicable): N/A
  4. Budget host organisation: N/A
  5. Source of funding: N/A
  6. Beneficiary/beneficiaries of any savings: N/A
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Supporting Public Health Outcome Indicator(s)

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## 4. COMMENTARY

### Background to new development

- 4.1. The Bromley Town Centre Area Action Plan (AAP) was adopted in 2010 and sets out a comprehensive framework to guide the delivery of housing, employment, leisure and associate community facilities, infrastructure and transport initiatives for Bromley Town Centre over the next 15 years. The Bromley AAP sets out a vision to promote and enhance Bromley's position as a metropolitan town centre, making it a vibrant place where an increasing number of people want to live, work and shop. The Bromley AAP identifies a number of sites with potential for development.
- 4.2. Provision in the AAP is for around 1820 new homes as part of mixed use development schemes to meet a range of housing needs. In the short term (next 2-3 years), the former Westmoreland Road car park site (AAP site K) will have provision for 200 units and the Crest Nicholson development (part of site G) will consist of 156 units. Combined this will result in a maximum population increase of around 600.
- 4.3. The AAP does make provision for new health facilities in redevelopment proposals for Site G. However, this provision is dependent upon a comprehensive redevelopment of the whole of Site G which is unlikely now with the commencement of the Crest Nicholson scheme in Ringers Road. The Council are still in discussions with a potential development partner over the viability of a development of the smaller site north of Ringers Road, which would not be dependent upon the southern section of Site G south of Ringers Road and includes the site of the current Dysart Surgery in Ravensbourne Road.

### Current primary care provision

- 4.4. The Dysart Surgery is located on Ravensbourne Road and serves the Bromley Town community. Its registration list size as of November 2013 stood at 10,713. NHS London Property commissioned an independent feasibility study in September 2013 which identified the current surgery which operate from a converted residential property measuring (324sq.m.) was significantly under the floorspace standard for a surgery of this size, which is 720 sq.m.
- 4.5. The surgery have confirmed that this under-capacity was placing considerable strains on their ability to continue to meet the GMS contract and accommodate any further growth to the roll resulting from new residential developments nearby. The feasibility study examined on site refurbishment and extension options which could result in increasing the Gross Internal Area (GIA) to 482 sq.m. A further meeting between representatives of the Council, NHS Property and Commissioning and the Surgery agreed that a wider options analysis of re-location options was needed given the uncertainty around the potential of Site G to deliver an alternative site in a reasonable timescale. This work is currently being progressed and will examine both onsite and off-site options.
- 4.6. It should be noted that the surgery is a successful and highly valued practice by patients, the NHS and the Council. This is reaffirmed by the recent petition which has drawn 50 signatories to date.
- 4.7. Bromley's Infrastructure Development Plan published in July 2012 notes that '*existing Bromley Town Centre surgeries are reaching full capacity in terms of patient numbers and beyond reasonable capacity in terms of space, especially relating to waiting and consulting rooms.*' It goes on to note that to effectively provide for the residential development anticipated in the AAP additional space for primary healthcare provision of at least 950 sq.m needs to be developed in the town centre, including provision for an additional 1.5 GP's. Proximity to the town centre will

be important, limiting the potential for primary healthcare development to a few sites. Bromley South's good public transport accessibility and overall transport connectivity also dictates the most suitable location for primary care provision.

**Concerns raised by Ward Members**

4.8. Councillor Will Harmer and Councillor Nicky Dykes have both raised concern about the lack of provision for primary care services for existing and future constituents and what plans both the Council and NHS Property & Commissioning are making to provide an adequate provision going forward. There is also concern over the surgery's own discretion to close their registration list and also to remove existing registrations.

**Progress to date**

- 4.9. The Council's regeneration team and representatives from NHS Property & Commissioning have met with partners from the Dysart surgery on two occasions to date to discuss potential options. These have included:
- Consideration of co-locating the surgery with proposals for the Free School in the former DHSS building at Bromley South;
  - Redevelopment of the existing premises of Dysart Surgery on Ravensbourne Road
  - Provision of GP facilities in vacant offices in the town centre;
  - Partners of the Dysart Surgery looking for alternative properties to buy for conversion into primary care facilities (e.g. Sandford Road); or
  - Provision for health facilities within Site G proposals as they are developed in accordance with Planning Policy.
- 4.10. The use of Section 106 funding identified for health care provision in Bromley Town is also being investigated.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, LEGAL IMPLICATIONS. IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHER GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS, BOARDS AND PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING ANY POLICY AND FINANCIAL CHANGES, REQUIRED TO PROGRESS THE ITEM.
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Bromley Town Centre Area Action Plan – Adopted