Henley Hospital and Community Services Project

Questions & Answers

Q: What is the background to this project?

A: The PCT is committed to providing a new primary care facility to replace the current Townlands Community Hospital. The whole project is currently being planned in consultation with local people and a new building is expected to be completed by 2012. Organisations who may be interested in building the new facilities may express interest in the provision of the whole service together with the provision of the 20 intermediate care beds. Alternatively, bidders may be interested in providing either the Primary Care Building or the bedded provision separately. The PCT wishes to procure the best solution and remains open to one of several approaches.

Q: What is an ‘expression of interest’?

A: We have asked organisations who may be interested in building the new facility in Henley or providing the bed-based services to let us know that they are interested in being put forward. The PCT will then consider any plans that are submitted.

Q: How long will it take you to deal with the ‘expressions of interest’?

A: The process to identify a developer will take 12 months. It will take this long because of the legal requirements the PCT is bound by.

Q: There have been a lot of options considered over the years into how health care should be developed in Henley. Does this news mean the PCT has decided which option to go with?

A: Not yet. The PCT realises how important it is to work with local people to get the right outcome and this work will take some time. Potential developers or providers will come forward over the next year or so with ideas which can be tested with the project group and with local people, to ensure that the right outcome is achieved. The final option, therefore, will not be known until the end of this process.

Q: What does ‘re-provision of bed –based services’ mean?

A: This means that the same number of beds in Henley (20) will be available in Henley as now.