

9 May 2016**Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****UNDERWOOD SURGERY****Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform the Committee that the proposed closure of Underwood Surgery will not proceed.

Information and Advice

2. Members will recall that the proposal to close Underwood Surgery (which is a branch surgery of Jacksdale Medical Centre) was previously on the agenda of the Health Scrutiny Committee in January 2016, when the Practice Manager and Lead General Practitioner attended the Health Scrutiny Committee to present information on the planned consultation and answer questions.
3. Since planned consultation had not concluded, Members deferred determining whether or not the closure is in the interests of the local Health Service.
4. Mansfield and Ashfield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has now indicated that the surgery is not to close.
5. The minutes of the CCG's Primary Care Commissioning Committee on 31 March 2016 record that:

Mr Ainsworth [Director of Primary Care for Mid Nottinghamshire CCGs] introduced the Underwood Branch Closure paper noting that the Committee rejected the practice's request to close the Underwood branch in January 2016 as a formal public consultation exercise had not been undertaken. The Practice has asked to continue with their application to close the Underwood branch and a public engagement exercise has now been carried out. The outcomes of the public engagement exercise demonstrated that residents are keen to retain a service in Underwood. Mansfield and Ashfield CCG have worked in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council and the Practice to explore alternative solutions however, the only local option available is not viable, as the accommodation does not meet Care Quality Commission (CQC) standards and infection control. Mr Ainsworth reported that a new GP has signed a contract to run both the main surgery and the Underwood branch and is due to commence on 1 May 2016.

The committee agreed that they could not support the closure of the Underwood branch surgery given the outcome of the consultation exercise.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- i) Note the decision that Underwood Surgery will remain open.

Councillor Colleen Harwood
Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Selston – Councillor David Martin