

**Subject:** RE: Plans for GP Practice at the new Kingsbrook development, Aylesbury Ref 10411  
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Dear Mr Elliott

Thank you for your email of enquiry dated the 8 August 2019 in relation to the Kingsbrook Estate, I have liaised with the Associate Director of Primary Care who has provided me with the following information which she has asked me to share with you.

NHS Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is in continued discussions with the Developer and Local Planning Authority (LPA) on the primary care provision for the Kingsbrook Estate.

At the moment the CCG's focus is on Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (S106) requirements for the temporary health provision.

The CCG does not support provision of temporary health services within temporary buildings like Port-a-cabins or rooms in a community centre where this can be avoided. The CCG and local primary care providers are committed to providing high quality care to all patients and the delivery of safe quality services relies on a strong workforce working together to provide greater skill mix and economies of scale. The creation of a temporary facility or a small branch is difficult to sustain and does not represent good use of public funds.

Subject to agreement with Barratt Homes, it could be possible to vary the S106 agreement so that funding intended to provide a temporary health centre could be used to provide additional capacity at Poplar Grove surgery so as to accommodate new patients from the Kingsbrook Estate. The CCG, developers and LPA are currently working together to facilitate this alternative solution.

#### **The Permanent Facility**

The S106 for the permanent health facility includes specification that was negotiated many years ago when primary care needs were very different to what they are today. The CCG is responsible for delegated primary care commissioning in Buckinghamshire which means that any new NHS primary care provision has to be secured by the CCG, but is not provided by the CCG.

The CCG will no longer support the establishment of small GP practices and would only look to fund new practices that can cater for at least 10,000 patients.

General Practice is starting to work in large "networks" serving a 30-50k patient list size. Working with larger populations will transform the delivery of primary care by developing multi-skilled teams offering new models of joined-up care and address difficulties in recruiting and training GPs. The proposed Health Centre within the S106 at Kingsbrook does not match the CCG's criteria for developing and sustaining primary care estate.

The CCG will continue to work closely with the LPA and developers to find a solution that meets the future needs of patients, the local community and staff as well as the site developer.

The CCG would welcome the views of the Berton and Broughton Parish Council on this position please send your comments to:

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I trust the information provided is helpful to you please do not hesitate to contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service again should you need any further assistance on 0800 328 5640

**Kind regards**

**Jan**

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