

## **NHS Eastbourne Downs and Weald/NHS Hastings and Rother**

### **Equitable Access to Primary Medical Care**

#### **GP-led Health Centre Procurement**

##### **Update Report for the East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee March 2009**

### **1. Contract awards**

Following the completion of the Invitation to Tender (ITT) process, which included a rigorous evaluation exercise and follow-up bidder interviews, the contract for the Eastbourne GP-led Health Centre was awarded to South East Health (SEH), who are the current Out Of Hours service provider for the East Sussex PCTs and they also have helped establish and develop the Single Telephone Access Service for the local health community. SEH will deliver the service in partnership with the Lighthouse Medical Practice. The new health centre will be situated in a central location within Devonshire Ward. The total value of the award is approximately £6.47m over the 5 years of the contract's duration. The target service commencement date for the Eastbourne health centre is 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

The contract for the Hastings Centre was also awarded to SEH, following an ITT evaluation and follow-up interview process. SEH will deliver the service in partnership with local GPs Dr Mike Cooper, Dr Paul Seal and Dr Hannah Hughes. The service will be located in the ground floor of the new Station Plaza Primary Health Care Centre. The total value of the award is approximately £6.35m over the 5 years of the contract. For the Hastings service the projected date is 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010 as the main building is not expected to be completed and handed over to the PCT until January 2010.

### **2. Mobilisation**

A full mobilisation plans for both services has been agreed with SEH, and its implementation will be facilitated and monitored by a small team based in the PCT with dedicated capacity. The purpose of mobilisation is to ensure that all aspects of the service, including workforce, premises, IM&T, facilities management, etc, are in place and operational prior the service commencement date. The mobilisation team will be using a Statement of Readiness (SOR) template produced by the Department of Health to monitor progress in the mobilisation of the key service workstreams, which are:

1. Administration
2. Clinical

3. Premises and Equipment
4. IM&T
5. Workforce and Training
6. Communications
7. Insurance
8. Risk management

The initial focus of the mobilisation will be on the Eastbourne service, as this is due to open in September of this year although a parallel process has been invoked for the Hastings development. To facilitate this process SEH and the PCT have agreed to hold regular (at least monthly) mobilisation meetings. SEH have also agreed to ensure that their mobilisation plan matches the SOR template to ensure that the workstreams identified in the SOR can be effectively monitored. However, it has been acknowledged by the PCT that the SOR template is a high level reporting document, and that it would therefore be helpful for SEH to also provide regular progress reports at a more detailed level and they have agreed to produce an appropriate format for this purpose.

### **3. The successful contractors**

A representative from SEH will be in attendance at the meeting to give more details about South East Health and its aspirations for the two new health centres should the Committee require further information.