

Phlebotomy Services in Ingleby Barwick

Summary

The Committee are requested to consider the update provided in relation to phlebotomy services in Ingleby Barwick.

Detail

1. Members will recall that at the meeting on 14 September, the Committee received a briefing regarding the proposal to relocate phlebotomy clinics in Stockton Borough.
2. Members were informed that in order to improve patient access and reinstate phlebotomy services at Ingleby Barwick, two phlebotomy sessions would be transferred from Thornaby Health Centre to the Woodbridge Practice in Ingleby Barwick. The proposal was solely in relation to the location of these services, and not the total capacity. The two sessions that were introduced in September operated on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and this was achieved by transferring two sessions from the Thornaby Health Centre.
3. A further update was provided at the meeting of 14 December, Members welcomed the move, and requested additional access at Ingleby if this was possible. Following discussion at the Committee, the access at the Woodbridge Practice in Ingleby was increased further by opening sessions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.
4. This has been achieved by transferring one of the phlebotomists from Thornaby Health Centre's Monday and Wednesday afternoon sessions, to Ingleby for the new afternoon sessions on Tuesday and Thursday. In effect this represented a transfer of 4 hours worth of access to Ingleby and translates to 40-55 patients per week. This approximately matches the 11% of patients who had attended Thornaby Health Centre but had stated when surveyed that they would rather visit Ingleby if possible
5. At the meeting of 14 December, Members requested a further 3-monthly update and this will be provided at today's meeting by representatives of NHS Stockton-on-Tees, and North Tees and Hartlepool Foundation Trust (provider of this service).

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