

END OF LIFE FACILITIES**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE****1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide progress to date, highlight the current priorities and timescales and request the support of Health Scrutiny Members in taking forward a project to secure a sustainable future proofed hospice facility within Sunderland.
- 1.2 Mark Girvan, Project Manager and Sheila Cooper, Strategic Lead Planned Care from the NHS South of Tyne & Wear will be present at the meeting to provide a briefing to members.

2. Background

- 2.1 Members were informed in July 2011 that the PCT was starting to consult on proposals regarding a new hospice facility to be provided in Sunderland to replace St Benedicts at Monkwearmouth.
- 2.2 The project required that an Outline Business Case (OBC) was submitted to the Strategic Health Authority (SHA) during the summer. A Full Business Case was subsequently developed to be submitted to the SHA following consultation with overview and scrutiny.
- 2.3 Members, having seen the outline proposals in July were supportive of the business case and were supportive of proceeding towards securing a fit-for-purpose facility.

3. Project Objectives

- 3.1 The Full Business Case (FBC) is attached to this report. The proposed development is expected to deliver the following objectives:
 - a) To provide a sustainable palliative care facility for the residents of Sunderland
 - b) To future proof service delivery for specialist palliative care services
 - c) To ensure that the facility is able to meet demand over the next 10 years, taking into account national, regional and local priorities
 - d) To develop a facility which is fit for purpose and able to provide first class hospice facilities
 - e) To provide patient access to services (inpatient and outpatient) within a fit for purpose facility
 - f) To improve the quality of hospice premises in Sunderland

- g) To provide specialist services which are able to facilitate rapid discharge from hospital for patients at the end of life.

4. Conclusion & Recommendations

- 4.1 NHS South of Tyne and Wear are committed to taking this project forward in collaboration with all partner organisations across health and social care. Sunderland Primary Care Trust (PCT) has committed to funding a new purpose built facility which will provide access to appropriate facilities and the physical environment which is conducive to this patient group.
- 4.2 The Scrutiny Committee has received the FBC for consultation purposes, comment and support in going forward with the project. Members are asked to consider the proposals and provide comments at the meeting.

5. Background Papers

Outline Business Case – End of Life Facilities

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