

FUTURE OF MONUMENT SURGERIES IN PENNYWELL - UPDATE

REPORT OF SUNDERLAND GP ALLIANCE

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with an update on the future of Monument Surgeries in Pennywell.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Sunderland GP Alliance (SGPA) was formed in 2015 as a not-for-profit federation of GP practices in Sunderland. 35 of the City's 38 GP practices are members of SGPA, representing over 95% of Sunderland's patient population (approx 268,000 people).
- 2.2 In April 2016, Sunderland GP Alliance (SGPA) took over the running of Pennywell Medical Centre alongside two other GP practices (Barmston Medical Centre and The Galleries Health Centre) as part of a single APMS contract with NHS Sunderland CCG/NHS England. Together, the three practices are known as Monument Surgeries and have shared management support from Sunderland GP Alliance. The single APMS contract is for an 11-year period and is due to end in 2027.
- 2.3 In October 2021 SGPA attended a meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee to discuss the future of Monument Surgeries in Pennywell. It was agreed that a further update be provided to the Committee following the consultation process.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 A full briefing paper is attached at **appendix one** of this report and covers a number of key issues in relation to the update on the future of Monument Surgeries in Pennywell including:
- Reminder of the Challenges and Rationale for Change;
 - Communications and Engagement Strategy;
 - Summary of Consultation Responses;
 - Patient Flow Analysis; and
 - Summary and Next Steps.
- 3.2 Representation from Sunderland GP Alliance will be in attendance at the meeting to provide an overview of the situation and answer any questions that Members of the Committee may have.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the robust patient consultation process and the outlined next steps.

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