

RUTLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD – 21 MARCH 2023

Rutland Memorial Hospital Feasibility Study

I am pleased to update the Board about progress on a business case to support a request for developer contributions to create an enhanced procedure suite at Rutland Memorial Hospital.

This is something that supports the priorities within the County's Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the needs of residents – providing care closer to home for the local population.

This scheme is an enabling infrastructure development that would underpin the expansion and transformation of local services to provide more Outpatient and Diagnostic services at Rutland Memorial Hospital.

The Integrated Care Board have developed a healthcare plan for RMH to transform the community asset into more of a community health and well-being hub. Our proposals for an enhanced procedure suite utilising the currently unused theatre space at RMH would support these wider aspirations by providing:

- A local Pre-Assessment and Rehabilitation service to support elective outpatients for Cardiac, Respiratory and Cancer Surgery currently on the waiting list
- Services for Dermatology and Respiratory Outpatients
- AMD injection delivery to support age related Macular Degeneration
- Renal Medicine and Cardiology

These proposals support the national priorities listed within the 2019 NHS Long Term Plan and are conducive to the NHS's tests for future sustainability – most notably Test 5, which stresses that the NHS will make better use of capital investment and its existing assets to drive transformation. This sets the tone of the national context for systems to ensure that local infrastructure is fit for delivering future models of care.

As mentioned already, the scheme would align directly with Rutland's existing five-year Vision for Health and Wellbeing. The Strategy presents a clear vision for the future with six strategic health and wellbeing priorities for Rutland to focus partnership delivery actions. This proposal for RMH will specifically enable two key priorities to be delivered from the Rutland Health and Wellbeing strategy:

- **Priority 5:** Making access to health services fair for all Rutland residents.
- **Priority 6:** Preparing for population growth and change.

The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board (LLR ICB) is already working to develop new and integrated care models as a basis bring additional services into Rutland in the context of local need. A key cross-cutting priority of the plan for Rutland is to tackle Health Inequalities which are keenly felt in rural areas like Rutland and clearly articulated by residents, who want to see improved access to Primary Care, Outpatient and Diagnostic services, less travel for non-complex Elective Care and better use of local Health and Care facilities through innovation.

LLR ICB has also been actively engaged from the outset in a separate development of an exciting and truly innovative proposal led by Rutland County Council for the local and surrounding area around the development of a Mobi-Hub and Meditech

research centre. We are committed to working with our colleagues in Rutland to support these proposals in the next stage of their development – recognising the significant impact that both the LUF proposals and enhanced procedure suite could have on the RMH site and local healthcare provision. This would bring an opportunity for workforce collaboration between sites on the same footprint and enable opportunities for collaborative working between local healthcare providers and the Medi-tech Centre to support local innovation.

The above landscape provides a clear need to plan and invest now for the delivery of local Healthcare provision in the context of the Rutland Health and Wellbeing Strategy 22-27 and linked vision and plan for local healthcare.