

***Members of the Northumberland Primary Care Commissioning Committee are asked to:***

- 1. Consider Rothbury Surgery's application to relocate to Rothbury Community Hospital.**
- 2. Approve the relocation subject to all future revenue uplifts being supported by a District Valuer assessment.**

### **Purpose**

This report outlines Rothbury Practice's application to relocate to Rothbury Community Hospital.

### **Background**

The full background is detailed at Appendix 1. The practice has a current list size of 5737 and operates from two co-joined buildings at 2 & 3 Market Place, Rothbury. The application is for a move to purposely renovated facilities on the ground floor of Rothbury Community Hospital. As the current lease (from the Duke of Northumberland) on 2 Market Place is due to expire on 25 December 2017, should their application be approved, the practice plans to complete the move before this date.

Practice engagement started in December 2015 and has effectively been 'live' since that time as it was discussed during NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) public consultation on the future of the inpatient ward at the hospital and augmented by a very recent announcement of the proposal that gave patients the final opportunity to comment. The Strategic Head of Corporate Affairs discussed the potential move with the Primary Care Applications Working Group (a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee) on 15 November 2017. Fully recognising the potential benefits to local people the group supported the application. The meeting was attended by the Local Councillor for Rothbury who also supported the move.

The required capital expenditure remains subject to a current Estates, Transformation and Technology Fund (ETTF) bid. A condition of ETTF approval will be confirmation that no increased revenue costs would be incurred by the CCG. The CCG would wish to ensure that it does not incur additional costs in the future and therefore all future revenue uplifts will only be agreed following assessment by the District Valuer.



## **Options**

The following options are for consideration:

- Option 1 – Approve the relocation to Rothbury Community Hospital
- Option 2 – Reject the relocation to Rothbury Community Hospital

## **Recommendation**

The PCCC is asked to approve the relocation of Rothbury Practice to Rothbury Community Hospital subject to all future revenue uplifts being supported by a District Valuer assessment.

Appendix 1 – Rothbury Practice application to relocate.