



Arden and Greater East Midlands
Commissioning Support Unit

Report on the consultation for the proposed closure of Wood Road Branch Surgery

Tuesday 7 May - Tuesday 15 September 2019

Date of report October 2019

1. Introduction

Tettenhall Medical Practice comprises of the main surgery at Lower Green and a branch surgery at Wood Road. The GP Practice wrote to Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group (WCCG) stating their intentions to close the branch surgery. The reasons given for the intention to close included difficulty in managing and sustaining the branch surgery due to the national shortage of GPs which had led to difficulty in recruiting permanent doctors and in addition finding it increasingly difficult to provide modern primary healthcare on two sites. The GPs explained their prime concern was the well-being of their patients, and their belief that centralising services on a single site at Lower Green Surgery would lead to a more flexible, efficient GP service with better access for patients.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/brnch-close-pms.pdf>

This guidance document includes advice on undertaking public consultation to inform the decision on the future of the branch surgery. The GP Practice began their public consultation on the proposed closure of the branch surgery on Tuesday 7 May. WCCG have been supporting the GP Practice with the consultation process.

2. Executive Summary

2.1 Introduction

The GP Practice wrote to WCCG stating their intentions to close the branch surgery. The reasons given for the intention to close included difficulty in managing and sustaining the branch surgery due to the national shortage of GPs which had led to difficulty in recruiting permanent doctors and in addition finding it increasingly difficult to provide modern primary healthcare on two sites.

2.2 Consultation activity

A total of 1,312 questionnaire responses were received. Seven consultation events took place with a total of 327 attendees.

2.3 Key themes from the consultation events

Key themes from the consultation events included:

- Difficulty getting to Lower Green Surgery for the elderly, disabled and mother's with young children
- Transport- infrequent buses, increased traffic and cost of travel to Lower Green Surgery
- Car parking – not enough spaces at Lower Green Surgery

- Appointments – concerns over the increased patient list at Lower Green Surgery resulting in long waiting times
- The need to understand the reasons for the proposed closure – GP recruitment and finances
- Concerns over the Wood Road Surgery building and what this would be used for if the surgery closed

2.4 Email responses to the consultation

Many emails were received from local residents raising concerns around the proposed closure of Wood Road Branch Surgery. Regular emails were also received by the Save Wood Road campaign group. The correspondence received demonstrates the high value residents place on the service provided at the branch surgery and a collective strong opinion that the branch surgery needs to remain open. The following details the main concerns expressed should the branch surgery close:

Difficulty in access at Lower Green surgery

- Particularly for older patients, parents with young children and the disabled.
- Inadequate public transport
- Taxi fares are expensive
- Insufficient parking at Lower Green
- Increased traffic congestion in an already busy area leading to a potential increase in road traffic accidents

2.5 Letter from MP Eleanor Smith

The CCG also received a letter from MP Eleanor Smith expressing concerns raised by local residents on the proposed closure of Wood Road Branch Surgery. These concerns correspond with those raised at the consultation events in other correspondence received and in questionnaire feedback.

2.6 Wolverhampton City Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) Thursday 12 September 2019

No formal written response has been received from HOSC to the consultation. The minutes of the meeting will be approved at the next HOSC meeting in November and then made available. However, a verbal request was made by HOSC at the meeting that every attempt be made to find a solution for a continued GP service at Wood Road branch surgery.

2.7 Parliament Hub request

The CCG received a Parliament Hub request on 16 August 2019 to inform a question to be raised in Parliament. The CCG responded as requested.

2.8 Petition

A petition by the Save Wood Road Surgery Group and was distributed around Tettenhall Wood and online for patients to sign. The petition was signed by 1,070 people. The petition has not been presented to the CCG.

2.9 Listening and responding throughout the consultation

For example:

- Following feedback from the Save Wood Road campaign group the consultation was extended from closing on July 28 2019 to September 15 2019
- Following a request from the Save Wood Road campaign group an additional consultation community drop in event was organised to cater for up to 200 people. Over 150 people attended the event.

2.91 Questionnaire responses

- The majority of respondents to the questionnaire (74.24%) **do not agree** with closure of the Wood Road Branch Surgery in order for services to be centralised at Lower Green Health Centre. This question was answered by 1,312 respondents
- The majority of respondents (84.84%) felt the proposed closure would have a negative impact

Reasons included:

Difficulty with transport:

- It was felt that the transport links between Wood Road Surgery and Lower Green were limited, long and inconvenient.
- Inaccessible for the elderly, those patients less mobile and those that do not have their own transport.
- Concerns for disabled patients and housebound patients.

Pressure on Lower Green Surgery:

- It was felt that patients would find it very difficult to get appointments at Lower Green Surgery due to the large patient list.
- Long hold times when calling the surgery for general enquires.
- Long waits at the pharmacy as prescriptions will not be readily available.
- The surgery would not be big enough to handle the extra number of patients.
- Provides less patient choice.
- Will cause more traffic in the Lower Green Surgery area.
- More pressure on staff to handle the large number of patients.

Parking:

- Lack of parking at Lower Green Surgery and the surrounding area.
- Potential conflicts with local residents: patients blocking driveways.

Costs:

- It would become very expensive for elderly patients to pay for public transport and taxis if Wood Road Surgery closed.

When asked to express concerns about the proposed closure, the collective comments when themed include: Access; Appointments; Parking; Other concerns for patients.

2.92 Key points for consideration

Local concern and anxiety expressed should the proposed closure of the branch surgery go ahead is apparent in the following:

- The high number of responses to the consultation via questionnaire feedback (A total of 1,312 questionnaire responses) where **the majority of respondents (74.24%) do not agree with closure of the Wood Road Branch Surgery**
- The high number of attendances at consultation meetings where residents expressed strong concerns for the proposed closure
- The high number of concerned patients who attended a meeting called by Eleanor Smith MP (over 200 local people in attendance) on the proposed closure of the branch surgery
- Consistency of concern expressed should the proposed closure go ahead across all channels of feedback into the consultation and consistency of themes.
- Feedback from HOSC

2.93 Recommendations

Feedback into the consultation demonstrates the high value residents place on the service provided at the branch surgery and a collective strong opinion that the branch surgery needs to remain open. A high level of concern is expressed in consistent themes via all feedback channels into the consultation. It is therefore recommended that all findings of the report are taken into consideration and all possible solutions explored to address the difficulties experienced by the GPs running the service in order to retain a GP Practice at Wood Road Branch surgery.

3. The Consultation Process

To inform patients of the proposed closure of the branch surgery at Wood Road and to let them know how to feedback their views a letter was sent to each household for all patients over the age of 12yrs (See Appendix A). This included patients who attend both Wood Road and Lower Green surgeries (9,414 letters). A consultation questionnaire was available both on line and in hard copy at both Practices (the letter included the website link and information that hard copies were available at both surgeries- See Appendix B). Posters were also displayed to let people know about the consultation and how to get

involved (See Appendix C). Along with the questionnaire, consultation events were organised.

Lower Green Street Surgery	Monday 13 May	2.30pm to 4.30pm	5.30pm to 7.30pm
Wood Road Surgery	Wednesday 15 May	1.00pm to 3.00pm	4.30pm to 6.30pm

An invitation to attend the events was included in the patient letter. A consultation questionnaire was available both online and in hardcopy. Information on how to feedback views on the proposed closure of the branch surgery at Wood Road was also circulated via the press and social media. Further consultation meetings were added in response to feedback received during the consultation resulting in the following consultation activity.

4. Consultation Activity



7
Consultation
events

277
attendees

Consultation events at:
Lower Green Street x2
Wood Road x 4
Community drop-in event, Linden
House x1



1,312
questionnaire
responses



Media Coverage
36 media articles including local
broadcast, web articles and printed
articles.
Total reach **1,964,907 people**
Total coverage value **£62,743.82.**



The **three** articles / press releases were published on the
Wolverhampton CCG website

- Have your say on proposed closure of GP branch surgery –
Wood Road, Tettenhall Wood – **532 views**
- Tettenhall Medical Practice to extent branch surgery closure
consultation – **472 views**
- Tettenhall Medical Practice consultation drop in event for
proposed closure of Wood Road Branch surgery – **147 views**

Total website views: 1,151



Social media:
A total of **nine** tweets which saw **10** retweets, **10** likes, **11** link
clicks and **3,068** impressions

5. Feedback

This section details the feedback received from public drop-in events, email correspondence, listening and responding throughout the consultation and questionnaire responses.

5.1 Public drop-in events

Details of the seven public drop-in events are listed below. The attendance at each drop-in event varied from 7 patients to 150, attendees included patients, members of the public, staff, and interested groups, newspaper journalists also attended some of the events. All those who attended had the opportunity to fill out a questionnaire and ask questions.

Event	Dates and Times of drop-in events	Location	Number of attendees
1	Monday 13 May, 2:30pm - 4:30pm	Lower Green Surgery	12
2	Monday 13 May, 5:30pm - 7:30pm		9
3	Wednesday 15 May, 1:00pm - 2:10pm	Wood Road Surgery	45
	Wednesday 15 May, 2:10pm - 2:40pm		21
4	Wednesday 15 May, 2:40pm - 3:10pm		13
	Wednesday 15 May, 4:00pm - 6:30pm		57
5	Wednesday 3 July, 1:30pm - 3:30pm	Wood Road Surgery	13
6	Wednesday 3 July, 4:30pm - 6:30pm		7
7	Wednesday 11 September, 4:00pm - 8:00pm	Linden House	Approximately 150
Total			327

Key themes identified from the public drop-in events:

Difficulty getting to Lower Green Surgery for the elderly, disabled and mother's with young children

Transport- infrequent buses, increased traffic and cost of travel to Lower Green Surgery

Car parking - not enough spaces at Lower Green Surgery

Appointments - concerns over the increased patient list at Lower Green Surgery resulting in long waiting times

The need to understand the reasons for the proposed closure - GP recruitment and finances

Concerns over the Wood Road Surgery building and what this would be used for if the surgery closed

The feedback recorded from the above events include:

- The elderly and patients with mobility issues cannot travel down to this surgery.
- Patients need to know the benefits of this proposed closure.
- Car parking will be an issue as there are not enough spaces and the car park is used by local residents.
- Appointments and services should not only be run online as not everyone has access to computers.
- The inconvenience of getting to the Lower Green practice.
- There are not enough travel routes between Wood Road Surgery and Lower Green if you don't drive.
- Traffic is increasing on the main road between the two surgeries and is very hard to cross.
- The pharmacy will become even busier than it is now.
- It would still be easier to travel to Lower Green than Cast Iecroft.
- Private parking at Lower Green needs to stop.
- There will never be enough parking at Lower Green surgery.
- As elderly patients (90 years old) it would be impossible to travel to Lower Green surgery.

- The inconvenience caused outweighs the cost of keeping the surgery running at Wood Road.
- This is classed as a prime area of Wolverhampton and many elderly patients living here will be affected.
- Patients need to stop being selfish and think what would be the best way of GP's to work together in one place.
- The current website is horrendous.
- It is ridiculous to close Wood Road surgery and make patients start catching buses and walking to Lower Green surgery.
- It is not fair to close a service that many people have used for years.
- This seems to be all about finances.
- Although it can be suggested to put on more buses they would have to be used!
- This is a growing area and needs a surgery.
- I originally moved from Lower Green to Wood Road as could never park there.
- The move would affect young mums that cannot drive.
- Older people would be reluctant to see a GP if they can't get an appointment at their choice of surgery.
- We do not want to lose our pharmacy as they are very good.
- Its feels like this is only a financial decision but you are not considering patients in this.
- The physical and psychological impacts on patients should be considered.
- Could you consider the Institute next door as an alternative place for the surgery to be located.
- Patients really appreciate that they get to see their own GP each time as this is not the case everywhere.
- A reduced service at Wood Road would be welcomed rather than closing it altogether.
- There needs to be better use of technology to speak to GP's i.e. Skype calls and video links.

5.2 Email correspondence

Many emails were received from local residents raising concerns around the proposed closure of Wood Road Branch Surgery. Regular emails were also received by the Save Wood Road campaign group.

Correspondence received demonstrates the high value residents place on the service provided at the branch surgery and a collective strong opinion that the branch surgery needs to remain open:

'a vital primary health care facility in the local area'

'a highly valued service'

The following details the main concerns expressed should the branch surgery close:

Difficulty in access at Lower Green surgery

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Other concerns expressed

- Deterioration of patient's health as due to the difficulties in accessing Lower Green Surgery patient's will put off seeking early medical intervention resulting in preventative measures not being implemented, illness's getting worse, more home visits, more frequent home visits and more patients going to A and E.
- Concern about the increase in charges for running the Practice
- Concern about increased waiting for appointments due to the extra demand at Lower Green should Wood Road close.
- Concern about the adequacy of the building and facilities at Lower Green to cope with the extra demand should Wood Road close.
- Concern about nearby Chemists being affected if the branch surgery closes and the potential loss of this valued service.
- The effect on the environment as more people use their car to access GP services at Lower Green rather than walking to their local branch surgery at Wood Road

Letter from MP Eleanor Smith received by the CCG

MP Eleanor Smith wrote to the CCG on behalf of constituents to share their concerns on the proposed closure of the Wood Road Branch Surgery. Those concerns have been included in the list of concerns detailed above.

5.3 Wolverhampton City Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Meeting

Wolverhampton CCG presented details on the consultation to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Thursday 12 September. No formal written response has been received from HOSC to the consultation. The minutes of the meeting will be approved at the next HOSC meeting in November and then made available. However, a verbal request was made by HOSC at the meeting that every attempt be made to find a solution for a continued GP service at Wood Road branch surgery. HOSC asked to be formally notified by the CCG of the final decision on the future of Wood Road surgery following the Primary Care Commissioning Committee scheduled for November. The Chair also committed to write to relevant Council Officers to see what could be done to improve current car parking arrangements at the branch surgery.

5.4 Parly Hub Request

The CCG received a Parly Hub request on August 16 2019 to inform a question to be raised in Parliament. Please see below the answered provided by the CCG.

To confirm, the Tettenhall Medical Practice has requested to close the branch surgery because it has been struggling to recruit permanent doctors to the practice. This is consistent with the national shortage of GPs.

The CCG has insisted the practice seek patient and public feedback via a formal consultation, before it would make a decision on whether the branch practice can close. It is supporting the practice with this consultation.

The practice did not cite cost pressures as a reason for closing the surgery. However, it has been asked about cost pressures during the consultation as the FAQs on its website demonstrate.

The CCG does not have access to detailed practice accounts, but the attached table shows the premises costs incurred by the practice between 2014/15 and 2019/20 and how much has be reimbursed by the CCG. Figures for 2019/20 are indicative.

Reimbursable costs include, for example, rent, rates and water costs.

Premises costs have risen over the past few years due to revaluation of the practice estate by the landlord, NHS Property Services. Other GP practices will have experienced similar rises in premises costs. As the practice's FAQs state, the CCG is working with NHS Property Services to resolve specific issues for Wood Road and Lower Green – but this is unrelated to the practice's request to close the branch surgery and the consultation currently taking place.

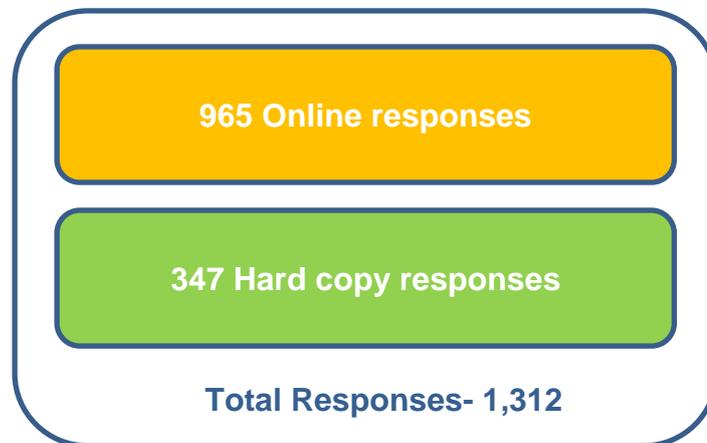
5.5 Petition

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5.6 Listening and responding throughout the consultation

	<p>A meeting with local councillors, local MP and SWR campaign group representatives</p>
	<p>The CCG accepted an invitation to attend a question and answer panel at a public meeting organised by MP Eleanor Smith. The meeting was attended by circa 150 people</p>
	<p>Following feedback from the Save Wood Road campaign group the consultation was extended from closing on July 28 2019 to September 15 2019</p>
	<p>Following a request from the Save Wood Road campaign group an additional consultation community drop in event was organised to cater for up to 200 people. Over 150 people attended the event.</p>

5.7 Feedback via the consultation questionnaire



The majority of respondents (92%) confirmed that they were patients completing the survey followed by (1.14%) a carer of a patient, (2.61%) a relative of patient, (1.06%) a friend of a patient. The survey was also completed by 27 respondents (2.05%) with an interest in the Wood Road surgery.

Answer Choices	Responses	
A patient	92.00%	1207
A carer of a patient	1.14%	15
A relative of a patient	2.61%	34
A friend of a patient	1.06%	14
I am interested in the service	2.05%	27
Other	1.14%	15
	Answered	1312
	Skipped	0

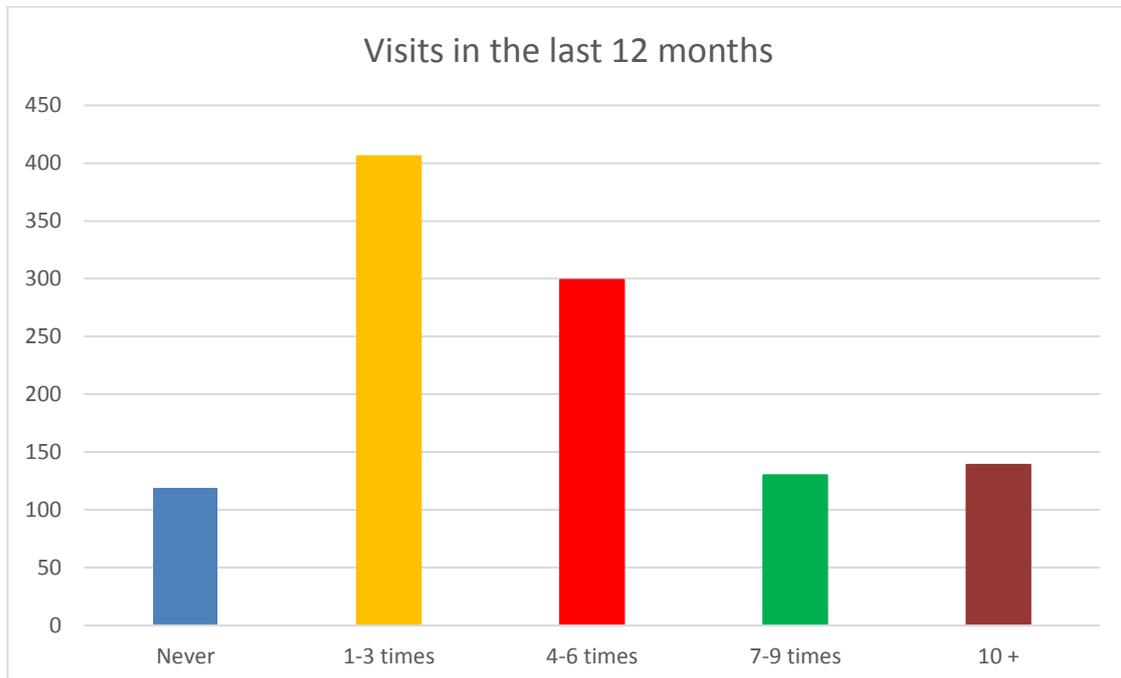
Of the respondents specifying 'other', the following description was provided:

Other (please specify)
Hearing aid service
Patient at Lower Green
I will be moving to Tettenhall in the next month or so and my husband to be has a chronic illness. So access to health services in the area is extremely important.
Moving into the area and will become a local patient.
Local resident
Closure will impact on adjacent GP practices
Former patient. Not currently due to HM forces posting. Will return.
A patient and a carer of a patient.

In the last 12 months how often have you visited Wood Road Branch Surgery?

The majority of respondents (38.57%) stated that they had visited Wood Road Branch Surgery 1-3 times in the last 12 months. In total 1,141 respondents had visited the surgery at some point in the last 12 months of the 1,141, (10.74%) of respondents had accessed the service 10 or more times (the lowest number of visits).

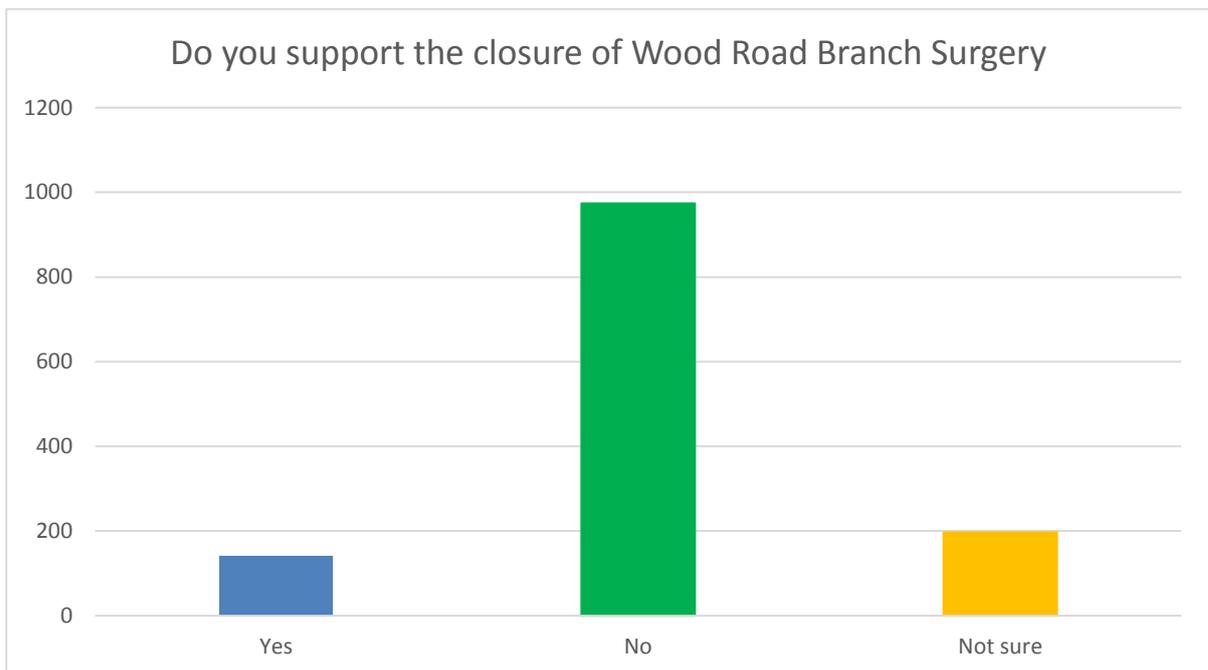
Answer Choices	Responses	
Never	13.03%	171
1-3 times	38.57%	506
4-6 times	26.37%	346
7-9 times	11.29%	148
10 +	10.74%	141
	Answered	1312
	Skipped	0



Do you support the closure of Wood Road Branch Surgery so that all services can be centralised at Lower Green Health Centre?

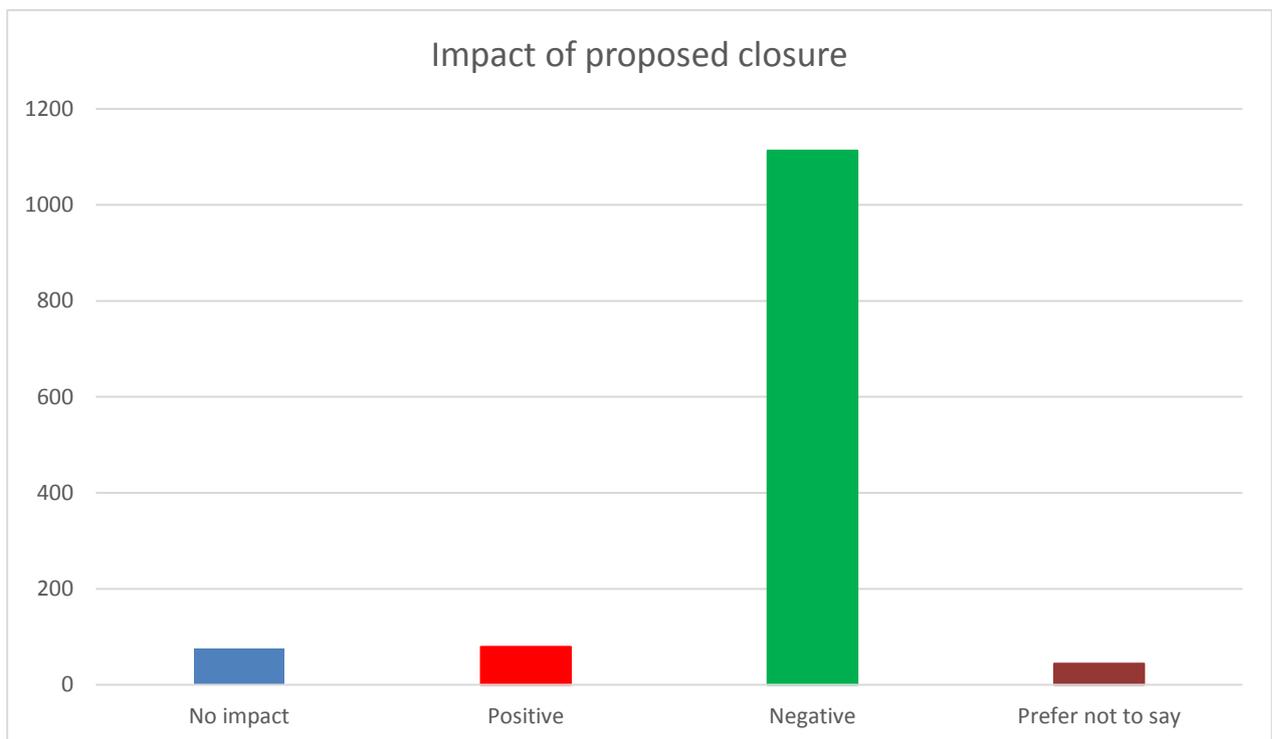
The majority of respondents (74.24%) do not agree with closure of the Wood Road Branch Surgery in order for services to be centralised at Lower Green Health Centre. This question was answered by 1,312 respondents of which 15.01% were not sure on their decision and 10.75% agreed with the proposal.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	10.75%	141
No	74.24%	974
Not sure	15.01%	197
	Answered	1312
	Skipped	0



Thinking about the proposed closure of Wood Road Branch Surgery, what impact do you consider this will have?

The majority of respondents (84.84%) felt the proposed closure would have a negative impact compared to (5.79%) that felt it would have no impact. A further (6.02%) felt it would have a positive impact and (3.35%) preferred not to say.



Thinking about the proposed closure of Wood Road Branch Surgery, Respondents were asked to provide reasons as to the impact they believe this would have.

Many respondents 1,274 answered this question and provided reasons for their answers. Significant numbers highlighted the negative impact this would have on patients and families of which have been detailed below. A small number of patients (47) did not provide a reason.

Transport:

- It was felt that the transport links between Wood Road Surgery and Lower Green were limited, long and inconvenient.
- Inaccessible for the elderly, those patients less mobile and those that do not have their own transport.
- Concerns for disabled patients and housebound patients.

Pressure on Lower Green Surgery:

- It was felt that patients would find it very difficult to get appointments at Lower Green Surgery due to the large patient list.
- Long hold times when calling the surgery for general enquires.
- Long waits at the pharmacy as prescriptions will not be readily available.
- The surgery would not be big enough to handle the extra number of patients.
- Provides less patient choice.
- Will cause more traffic in the Lower Green Surgery area.
- More pressure on staff to handle the large number of patients.

Parking:

- Lack of parking at Lower Green Surgery and the surrounding area.
- Potential conflicts with local residents: patients blocking driveways.

Costs:

- It would become very expensive for elderly patients to pay for public transport and taxis if the Wood Road Surgery closed.

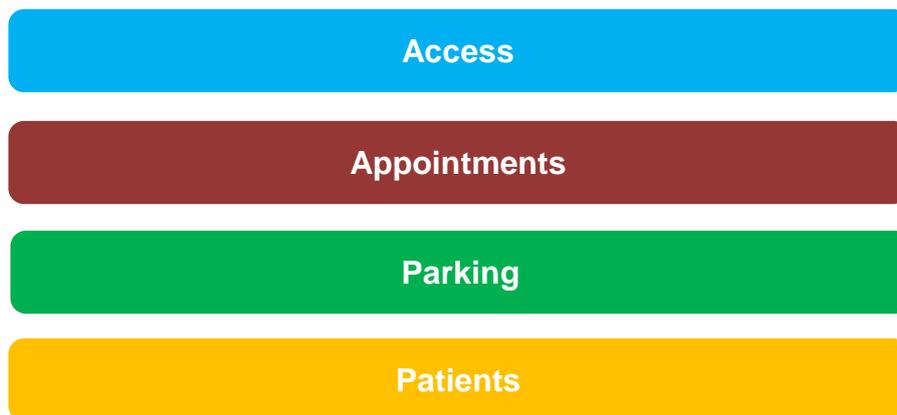
To view all comments see appendix D.

Key words used to describe what impact the proposed closure could have:



Please tell us what concerns, if any, you may have regarding the proposed closure of the Wood Road Branch Surgery?

A total of 918 respondents answered this question and highlighted their key concerns, of which the top four areas (in no particular order) included:



Other concerns included:

- Less availability of doctors leading to longer waiting times
- Lack of alternative options if appointments are not available at Lower Green Surgery
- Would the current outstanding service offered at Lower Green Surgery be compromised due to the large intake of new patients
- Expected distance to travel
- Parking at Lower Green Surgery
- Relocation of staff from Wood Road to Lower Green Surgery
- Inadequate public transport links between both sites
- Increasing traffic conditions in the Lower Green area
- Concerns over the Wood Road Surgery building; what would happen to this
- Delay on getting prescriptions from the chemist
- The need for a GP surgery in the Tetterhall area due to the growing population
- Lack of amenities, access for the elderly.

To view all comments see appendix E.

Key Points for consideration

- Local concern and anxiety expressed should the proposed closure of the branch surgery go ahead apparent in the high number of responses to the consultation via questionnaire feedback (A total of 1,312 questionnaire responses):

The majority of respondents to the questionnaire (74.24%) do not agree with closure of the Wood Road Branch Surgery

- The high number of attendances at consultation meetings where residents expressed concerns should the proposed closure go ahead
- High number of attendances of concerned patients at a meeting called by Eleanor Smith MP (over 200 local people in attendance)
- Consistency of concern expressed should the proposed closure go ahead across all channels of feedback into the consultation and consistency of themes.
- Feedback from HOSC

Recommendations

Feedback into the consultations demonstrates the high value residents place on the service provided at the branch surgery and a collective strong opinion that the branch surgery needs to remain open. A high level of concern is expressed in consistent themes via all feedback channels into the consultation. It is therefore recommended that all findings of the report are taken into consideration and all possible solutions explored to address the difficulties experienced by the GPs running the service in order to retain a GP Practice at Wood Road Branch Surgery.

Further questionnaire feedback

How did you find out about this public consultation?

A total of 1,287 responses were received of which the majority of respondents (60.21%) heard about the consultation by a hand delivered letter from the practice followed by the channels listed below.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Poster	5.72%	75
In a voluntary/community organisation	1.38%	18
At a learning disability day service	0.15%	2
Newspaper	5.19%	68
Social media (Facebook/Twitter)	9.68%	127
Drop in event	2.83%	37
Someone stopped you in the street (NHS Outreach Engagement Team)	0.45%	6
Radio	0.15%	2
NHS or Council website	1.21%	16
A friend or family member told me	11.12%	146
Hand delivered letter from practice	60.21%	790
Answered	98.09%	1287
Skipped	1.91%	25

Equality data

As part of this consultation equality data was collected to ensure patient views from all areas and communities were recorded. These details are documented below.

Gender:

Answer Choices	Responses	
Male	35.59%	467
Female	59.52%	781
Transgender	1.29%	17
Prefer not to say	1.90%	25
Answered	98.32%	1290
Skipped	1.67%	22

If female, are you currently pregnant or have you given birth within the last 12 months?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	4.48%	35
No	89.38%	698
Prefer not to say	6.14%	48

Age:

Answer Choices	Responses	
Under 16	0.83%	11
16-24	4.64%	61
25-34	9.68%	127
35-59	28.36%	372
60-74	30.19%	396
75+	18.68%	245
Prefer not to say	4.35%	57
Answered	96.72%	1269
Skipped	3.27%	43

What is your ethnic group?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Arab	0.22%	3
Asian or Asian British	10.44%	137
Black or Black British	1.82%	24
Chinese	0.00%	0
Gypsy/Romany/Irish traveller	0.07%	1
Mixed dual heritage	2.21%	29
White or White British	76.68%	1006
Prefer not to say	4.80%	63
Other (please specify)	2.21%	29
Answered	98.48%	1292
Skipped	1.52%	20

Do you look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others. Please note this is not referring to the person you care for if you have specified carer or if you are completing this survey on behalf of someone else?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Long-term physical or mental-ill-health/disability	11.03%	115
Problems related to old age	14.57%	152
No	63.76%	665
Prefer not to say	6.04%	63
Other (please specify)	4.60%	48
	Answered	1043
	Skipped	269

Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health condition or illness which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months? (Please select all that apply)

Answer Choices	Responses	
Vision (such as due to blindness or partial sight)	1.54%	16
Hearing (such as due to deafness or partial hearing)	2.31%	24
Mobility (such as difficulty walking short distances, climbing stairs)	13.02%	135
Dexterity (such as lifting and carrying objects, using a keyboard)	0.48%	5
Ability to concentrate, learn or understand (Learning Disability/Difficulty)	0.29%	3
Memory	0.68%	7
Mental ill-health	2.51%	26
Stamina or breathing difficulty or fatigue	4.53%	47
Social or behavioural issues (for example, due to neuro diverse conditions such as Autism, Attention Deficit Disorder or Aspergers' Syndrome)	0.19%	2
No	60.95%	632
Prefer not to say	7.71%	80
Other (please specify)	5.79%	60
	Answered	1037
	Skipped	275

What is your sexual orientation?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Bisexual	1.26%	13
Heterosexual/straight	86.75%	897
Gay	0.77%	8
Lesbian	0.68%	7
Prefer not to say	9.09%	94
Other (please specify)	1.45%	15
	Answered	1034
	Skipped	278

Are you:

Answer Choices	Responses	
Single	12.10%	128
Never married or partnered	0.95%	10
Living in a couple	6.81%	72
Married/civil partnership Co-habiting	60.11%	636
Not living in a couple	0.66%	7
Married (but not living with husband/wife/civil partner)	0.85%	9
Separated (still married or in a civil partnership, Divorced/dissolved civil partnership)	2.84%	30
Widowed/surviving partner/civil partner	9.64%	102
Prefer not to say	5.01%	53
Other (please specify)	1.04%	11
	Answered	1058
	Skipped	254

What is your religion and belief?

Answer Choices	Responses	
No religion	18.20%	192
Baha'i	0.00%	0
Buddhist	0.19%	2
Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)	62.75%	662
Hindu	1.42%	15
Jain	0.00%	0
Jewish	0.09%	1
Muslim	2.18%	23
Sikh	5.21%	55
Prefer not to say	8.34%	88
Other (please specify)	1.61%	17
	Answered	1055
	Skipped	257