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| <b>Report to</b>             | <b>Partnerships Scrutiny Committee</b>                |
| <b>Date of meeting</b>       | <b>13<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>                  |
| <b>Lead Member / Officer</b> | <b>Councillor Elen Heaton</b>                         |
| <b>Head of Service</b>       | <b>Nicola Stubbins (DCC) and Gareth Evans (BCUHB)</b> |
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| <b>Title</b>                 | <b>Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH) Development</b>     |

## **1. What is the report about?**

1.1. This report shares progress and plans for the development of the Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH) site in Rhyl.

## **2. What is the reason for making this report?**

2.1. The report is to provide an update on progress and scope of work to the Partnership Scrutiny Committee.

## **3. What are the Recommendations?**

3.1. That the Committee is informed about the scope of work, the timescale and available funding

3.2. That the meeting has an opportunity to provide feedback to influence the development.

## **4. Report details**

### **Scope of Work and Plan**

4.1. The proposal is to deliver new services alongside relocated and expanded supporting services from a new clinical building. The project will also aim to refurbish the existing RAH building as a support centre with some clinical,

patient-facing services remaining in situ, e.g. Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and Physiotherapy.

4.2. The new clinical building will accommodate:

- A new Minor Injuries and Minor Ailments Unit (MIAU) taking demand away from Ysbyty Glan Clwyd and serving people closer to home
- Approximately 14 community beds (number subject to design constraints) which will enable Health and Social care to meet the needs of local people
- A relocated and expanded Radiology service
- A relocated and expanded Community Dental service
- A Third sector Hub and strong presence of Third sector in supporting patients.
- Support services such as catering, facilities, reception and staff rest areas

4.3. The existing building will be refurbished to include:

- Repairs to the floor structure and external fabric
- Refurbishment of current unoccupied areas
- New electrical and heating infrastructure
- Co-location of Third Sector adjacent to Community Team
- Potential repatriation and expansion of sexual health and Orthotics services (subject to design and funding limits)

4.4. A new energy centre will be developed in line with national and local guidance related to decarbonisation.

4.5. Car parking will be provided offsite during the construction stage and beyond. The decant strategy which is in development will confirm the number of parking spaces needed during construction and when the new building has been commissioned. This work is planned for February 2025. The project is being supported by colleagues in the Council to identify potential sites.

4.6. Indicative dates are:

- **Jan – April 2025:** Procurement (currently in progress)
- **March - August 2025** - Planning application for the site
- **May 2025:** Approval by BCU Board of new build design then submit to Welsh Government (WG)
- **July 2025:** Approval by BCU board for existing building then submit to WG
- **August 2025:** design and cost update for the existing building (RIBA 3)
- **Quarter 1 2026:** start new build
- **Quarter 2 2026:** start existing building construction

## 5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Plan 2022 to 2027: The Denbighshire We Want?

5.1. This is a partnership project and will contribute to a number of the Council's key goals, primarily:

- A prosperous Denbighshire

This will be supported through creation of new roles, both during the construction phase and in running new services. We are working with the Council and Working Denbighshire to articulate and quantify the social return on this investment.

- A healthier and happier, caring Denbighshire

The key aim for the Health Board is to deliver services closer to home and work with our partners across the services to ensure there is a focus on ongoing well-being and prevention of needs.

- A greener Denbighshire

The project is developing a decarbonisation strategy for construction and maintenance of the site.

- A fairer, safe, and more equal Denbighshire

This will be supported through the delivery of services closer to home for this locality which includes 2 areas of significant social deprivation in Wales.

## **6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?**

- 6.1. There is a capital ceiling for the project which must also include the costs of previous phases of work.
- 6.2. From a revenue perspective the delivery of new services will be affordable within the Health Board's budget.

## **7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?**

- 7.1. The Health Board has undertaken its Integrated Equity Assessment and we are working through the key actions.
- 7.2. Overall the impact on the well-being of people living in the Rhyl and Prestatyn area will be enhanced through being able to access services closer to home and through the work with DVSC to improve collaboration with the Third sector and signposting of patients.
- 7.3. The Health Board is working with its Equality Stakeholder Group to determine how the design will meet the needs of a range of people with protected characteristics.

## **8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

- 8.1. The proposal will be shared with Partnerships Scrutiny in February and again when the final report is available.
- 8.2. Partnerships Scrutiny were informed of the development and new plan in February 2024.
- 8.3. There is ongoing engagement with the public in 2025, including stalls at the White Rose Centre on 27<sup>th</sup> February and 27<sup>th</sup> March, to capture concerns and ensure these fed into the design process.

## **9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

9.1. Not applicable.

## **10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?**

10.1. There is a high risk to the timely delivery of the main product (an addendum to the 2021 Full Business case). This is due to ongoing delays with allocation of fees for procurement of design partners. The Health Board has escalated with NHS Wales Shared Services Procurement, and with Welsh Government. The Health Board has released some discretionary capital (at our own risk) in the meantime to maintain some momentum.

10.2. There is a risk in relation to the complexity of Decant, including car parking requirements and reduced space at site, compared to the 2020/21 FBC Design. The Decant strategic planning has commenced and DCC has indicated it will support where possible as soon as the Health Board can quantify its requirements (likely in the New Year).

## **11. Power to make the decision**

11.1. The Partnerships Scrutiny meeting is not being asked to make a decision. The Health Board will initially approve the plan and Addendum to the 2021 FBC at its main board meeting in May 2025. The funding decision will be with Welsh Government.