Request for Healthcare Contribution

Planning Application: 09/00469/FUL
Location: Land East Of Groby Village Cemetery, Ratby Road, Groby, Leicestershire

The role of the Leicestershire & Rutland Primary Care Trust is to ensure high quality, effective and appropriate health services are delivered, to improve the public health of the area.

In general, the population of Leicestershire and Rutland experience better than national average health, with a few areas which could be described as seriously disadvantaged. However, detailed health need analysis shows significant differences across Leicestershire and Rutland. Set out below is some of the ways in which the PCT provides healthcare;-

Providing community services ourselves, through

Community hospitals
Health centres
Health visiting, therapy and community nursing
Minor injury units and a NHS Walk-in Centre

Contracting with independent primary care contractors

GPs, dentists, pharmacists and optometrists

Buying specialist healthcare services

Acute hospital care,
Mental health and learning disabilities services
Ambulance services

The LRPCT is responsible for a population of 677,900 who live mainly in the geographical area represented by Leicestershire and Rutland County Councils. There are 337 GPs working in 84 practices serving the population. The average patient list nationwide per GP is 1,838.

For a development to be successful and sustainable, health is one of the important considerations, not just the provision of healthcare but the environment of the development, the facilities available, employment opportunities etc, and these things are considered where a health care contribution is being requested.

Everyone has a right to NHS Healthcare and therefore for the provision of healthcare to be provided to meet the needs of the new development, the PCT needs to ensure buildings are in a suitable condition and can cope with the increased demand created by the development. The PCT regularly assesses the healthcare requirements, including the needs, priorities and delivery of healthcare services of each area.

With regard to the proposed development at Land East Of Groby Village Cemetery Ratby Road Groby Leicestershire, there is a GP surgery, Dr Gajebasia at 26 Rookery Lane Groby, the likelihood is that this is the practice where residents of the new development will probably seek care.

Dr. Gajebasia is supported by 1 salaried GP and the current list size for this practice indicates that it is at capacity.

Based on the average GP list size, the potential new population would attract 0.20 WTE (whole time equivalent) GP.

Similarly, the increased population would attract in total 0.20 WTE community nursing staff i.e. G grade health visitor and E grade district nurse. On average each 1 WTE GP requires the services of 0.5 WTE F grade practice nurse. The increased number of patients will create the need for additional practice administration. On average for every 1 WTE GP an equivalent 0.1 administrator is required.

The surgery may require additional/improved equipment to meet the increased demands created by the development.

Dr. Gajebasia's surgery has been identified by the PCT as one with real capacity issues. In terms of practice size, this surgery is identified by the PCT as in their "red" category, this indicates that the surgery has both standards issues as well as capacity issues and is in need of significant investment in the short term. The increased population would exacerbate the already identified issues.

For a GP to practice a consulting/examination room requires 13.5 m2 and a treatment room requires 17.5 m2 the cost of each is approximately £1,500 per sq m.

Whilst the above is readily identifiable, this will not always be the case. Where it is not possible to extend or secure additional accommodation due to constraints to the site, legal restrictions, planning permission etc, then alternative arrangements may be required. However, any contribution will be used towards such provision as would be the most beneficial and suitable for the delivery of healthcare to the new population.

Further, the PCT will work with the GP practice to ensure that the funding provides access to primary care services for the increased population.