

## Criteria and approach for appraising location and site

Following the GCCG Governing Body and Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust Board meetings on the 25 January, 2018. The following criteria and approach for appraising location and site was agreed:

- 1) The criteria to be used to enable an objective consideration of a preferred **location** (in or near Cinderford, Coleford or Lydney) will be:
  - It should be a location which maximises access for the population of the Forest of Dean, and no further than 30 minutes by car, for the majority of Forest of Dean residents, mindful of:
    - the population characteristics of those who will use the services in a community hospital (urgent care, inpatient care, outpatients, diagnostics etc., ), taking in to consideration planned and potential population growth;
    - the needs of key partners who will support the community hospital including the ambulance service, patient transport providers, and other health and care providers;
    - relative access
    - ability of other options to access care, recognising that some people will choose to use other health facilities either within or outside of Gloucestershire;
    - public and private transport issues impacting on access.
  - It should have the support of local health and care professionals.
  - It is in an area which offers the greatest opportunities for co-location with primary care (e.g. GP services) and/or other related health and wellbeing services.
  - It is in an area which offers greatest potential to support the wider economic regeneration plans within the Forest of Dean.
- 2) A Combined Panel will be commissioned with the purpose of applying the agreed criteria and making a recommendation on location.
- 3) The site criteria that will be used will include the following:
  - It is able to accommodate a building/buildings and parking provision which meet current and future service requirements.
  - It is accessible by car or public transport.
  - is available and affordable to enable completion of works by 2021/2022
  - It will be able to secure appropriate planning permission.
  - It offers the potential for pleasant surroundings, green space, views, etc.
  - It is a site that offers a design and development which provides best value for money for the public purse.