DGS Public Consultation - NHS Urgent Care Services in Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley

Sevenoaks District Council response to Public Consultation questionnaire:

- Q1. I am providing a response: On behalf of Sevenoaks District Council
- Q2. First three digits of your post code: TN1
- Q3. What of the current urgent care services have you used before: N/A
- Q4. Thinking of the last time your used an urgent care service how did you travel there? N/A
- Q5. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the tow options proposed?

Option 1: To create an Urgent Treatment Centre **at Gravesham Community Hospital** by moving services from the current Fleet Health Campus in Northfleet (White Horse Walk-In) to join the Minor Injuries Unit at Gravesham Community Hospital

Option 1	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Have no view

Option 2: To create an Urgent Treatment Centre at **Darent Valley Hospital** by moving services from the current Minor Injuries Unit at Gravesham Community Hospital and the Fleet Health Campus in Northfleet (White Horse Walk-in) to Darent Valley Hospital

Option 2	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Have no view
		X			

State your reasons for your choice:

When the matter was discussed by Members of the Health Liaison Board, Members had concerns about parking availability at the Darent Valley Hospital and the accessibility problems via public transport. Members also felt that there were also pressures affecting the site from traffic to the local shopping centre.

We understand that it is anticipated 150 additional patients per day will be seen at a new Urgent Treatment Centre at either site. However, if the Urgent Treatment Centre was at Darent Valley Hospital, 90 of those additional patients per day, would be instead of them attending Darent Valley Hospital A&E.

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Members discussed the two options available and were in general in support of option 2 at Darent Valley Hospital due to it being co-located with the A&E department. This would also enable, when required, for more urgent cases requiring emergency intervention to be escalated into other hospital services at the same site. Concern was raised at the parking situation and how this may affect the services.

Q6. The top three issues local people raised with us about the location of the new Urgent Treatment Centre during previous engagement were: parking, access to public transport and waiting times.

What will be the impact the proposed options have on you and your family?

Please see answer 5 with concerns set out about parking and accessibility of the Urgent Treatment Centre.

Q7. We welcome any other ideas that you would like us to consider regarding the proposed new Urgent Treatment Centre

Nothing further to add.

Equality Monitoring Questions: N/A