Briefing note for Parish and Town councils

Impact of Proposed Closure of Sandiway Surgery on Danebridge and Kingsmead as 3750 Patients look for Appointments

Danebridge Medical Centre has applied to the NHS Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to close Sandiway surgery. A report by the Cheshire CCG regarding the consultation process which has been used, will be reviewed by the Cheshire West and Chester Overview and Scrutiny Committee at a special meeting to be held on 12th October 2020. Following this, a special meeting will be held by the CCG Primary Care Commissioning committee (PCC), early in November, to examine the Danebridge proposal.

Danebridge is by far the largest practice in the area with over 24000 patients living in Northwich and in surrounding villages. These will all be affected by the proposed closure of Sandiway Surgery since all patients will be seen at either Kingsmead or Danebridge surgeries. Last year 2900 appointments were offered at Sandiway and 15000 appointments were at the other two surgeries. If Sandiway closes the demand at the other surgeries will increase by 20%.

The Save Sandiway Surgery Action Group has been working since December to keep the surgery open and to try to find out from Danebridge Practice the real reason for the proposed closure of the surgery. The Consultation Survey carried out by Danebridge was confusing, did not get to all patients and the feedback from it was badly managed by the Practice.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspected the whole of Danebridge Medical Practice in 2019, including all three surgeries, and changed its rating from **“Good”** to **“Requires improvement”** in two respects, namely “Are Services Safe?” and “Are Services Well-Led?” Danebridge Practice has claimed that the safety issues referred to by the CQC are at Sandiway Surgery, but the CQC published report and Inspection Evidence Table do not support this claim and CQC has subsequently confirmed that they did not expect the Sandiway surgery to close on the basis of their inspection, and considered it adequate for the services being delivered. Danebridge Practice has not been prepared to provide the Action Group with any other information.

The Action Group has the full backing of Cuddington Parish Council and the Borough Councillors for this area and has around 900 signatures of support already from patients.

If you are a patient with Danebridge Medical Practice and want to contact the Action Group to show your support for the campaign to keep the surgery open, please email: savesandiway@gmail.com

If you wish to voice your concerns directly to the Clinical Commissioning Group you can contact them at <https://www.cheshireccg.nhs.uk/get-in-touch/>

If you wish to comment on the quality of the consultation process carried out by Danebridge Practice you can contact the CWaC Scrutiny Committee at: scrutiny@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk