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| **Currently, is there pressure on GP’s within Garforth?** |
|  | “There is pressure on GP’s and this is increasing with the transfer of workload from Secondary Care” |
| “There is pressure on all primary care providers at this time due to the demands and expectations of the NHS service” |  |
|  | “yes - especially NHS patients” |
| **What extra provision would be required to ease this pressure (if it exists)?** |
|  | “Additional staff to meet the needs of the population” |
| “We manage our primary care pressures on a daily basis and the practice has enough clinical provision to provide an excellent service to all of our patients” |  |
|  | “We would require a larger practice which could incorporate community based services such as physiotherapists, district nurses, social workers, community organisations based in Garforth, rather than based in Kippax” |
| “More NHS funding” |  |
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| **Are there currently plans in hand to address these issues? What are they?** |
|  | “No current plans in place as we do not have any space to expand in to” |
| “The practice is always looking at patient demand for services and action plans are constantly reviewed to ensure that the patients receive excellent care” |  |
|  | “We have put in a bid for additional capital funding to increase the size of our existing property and are awaiting the outcome of this. However, this is not really future proofing primary care requirement for the future in Garforth. It would give us a small increase in consulting rooms” |
| “Unfortunately, there is currently no funding available to increase existing general dentistry providers’ contract values, or to commission any additional services. Should any recurrent funding become available it will be commissioned in those areas of Yorkshire and The Humber that are identified as having the greatest problems with access to general dentistry” |  |
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| **Are any plans being considered to cope with the increase in numbers and, therefore, demand from the new development? If so, what are they?** |
|  | “Not at the moment” |
| “If the practice list size increases due to increase in patients from the new development the practice would look to provide increased clinical hours if the GP to patient ratio decreased significantly” |  |
|  | “Not what we are aware of” |
| “addition of 2 surgeries” |  |
|  | “We would be happy to take on more patients“ |
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| **If not, can an educated guess be made on the number of GP’s that could be required based on existing levels of provision in the town?** |
|  | “Best guess - 3 or 4 GP’s with additional Nurses, Health Care Assistants and Administration staff” |
| “The whole clinical team would need to be reviewed as primary care provides services to patients from a broader team of clinicians at our practice including nurse practitioner, pharmacist and chronic disease nurses” |  |
|  | “Unsure – our waiting time for a non-urgent appointment to see a GP is currently 2-3 days” |
| “We have capacity to cope as we are“ |  |
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| **Will Garforth Clinic’s likely demise be more of an issue in the light of proposed new development?** |
|  | “Difficult to assess as it will depend on the age/mobility of the people moving into the new development” |
| “No as the services provided by Garforth clinic will be provided in the locality from another venue” |  |
|  | “Absolutely, it is already causing a problem for our patients who struggle getting to Kippax Health Centre due to public transport, or inadequate parking facilities” |
| “No difference to our dental practice” |  |
|  | “I am not aware of any NHS contract in Garforth that is terminating“ |
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| **What problems might result from the clinic’s departure and will these be exacerbated by a significant increase in the local population?** |
|  | “Less mobile patients are impacted more by the closure of the Clinic. The closure has resulted in patients having to travel further afield e.g. Kippax Health Centre. This is not always a viable alternative, especially to those who travel around the local area on a mobility scooter” |
| “This is more significant to our practice as kippax health centre will now see increased number of patients for community based services.The only issue is parking as Leeds community health will provide clinics for the services” |  |
|  | “problem for our patients who struggle getting to Kippax Health Centre due to public transport, or inadequate parking facilities” |
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