

<b>Committee</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>
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## **Doctors Surgery**

Progress continues to be made with trying to secure more capacity for the Doctors Surgery.

A meeting was held at NHS England in Chelmsford on 24<sup>th</sup> January with Smith Umoren, Head of Estates and Lydia Burkett the Estates Manager. The purpose of the meeting was to make them aware of the capacity shortfall at the Surgery in Halstead and the difficulty that residents were having getting an appointment. We took the opportunity to also make them aware of the rapidly increasing number of houses being built in the Town now and those planned for the coming months. We stressed that pressure is growing and action was urgently required to provide more clinical consulting rooms at the surgery so more medical staff can be recruited.

We exchanged and shared information about the Section 106 developer contributions that were in the pipeline to help support funding.

They were sympathetic to the situation we are facing in Halstead and will continue to seek developer funding where possible. However, they informed us there is an NHS England (Midlands and East) process called "Primary Care Premises Developments" that needs to be followed for such projects. The process needs to be initiated by the Doctors Practice in the form of an "Expression of Interest" which is submitted to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for their review and approval before going to the next stage. This would be followed by further stages including a Project Initiation and Business Case. Once the CCG have agreed the project is submitted to NHS England for sign off. It should be noted that overall this could be quite a lengthy process to follow but we will continue to work with the Surgery to its conclusion.

A follow up meeting was held on 1<sup>st</sup> February with Dr Kreis and Richard Hartwell at the Surgery. We gave them a feedback of our visit to NHS England and information we were subsequently given about the process to follow. We are delighted Dr Kreis confirmed the Surgery would press on with compiling and submitting the Expression of Interest form.

**Recommendation:** that HTC notes this report.

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