

NHS Norfolk and Waveney CCG received a query relating to the future of Fairstead Surgery in Kings Lynn.

The query and answer provided in a written response can be found below:

“Can we have an update on where the Fairstead Surgery future is please.

The outcome of the consultation was to keep the surgery open. However as predicted (and mentioned by myself at the WNCCG meeting where the agreement was unanimous to recommend that the surgery stays open) the surgery door has remained open daily, but without any GP,s! Why?

There was also agreement that a committee to debate what the future building will look like, ie, new build, refurbishment, extend etc, however due to COVID-19 this has not happened. Can this please be scheduled into the calendar so that some progress can be made.”

The Fairstead Engagement Group met on 9 September 2020, of which you were a part of. I apologise it had taken so long to rearrange the meeting. All business as usual and non-essential services were suspended from March 2020, allowing staff to be redeployed, and to focus on making services as safe and effective as possible for local people during the global pandemic.

This included all work around primary care estates. As soon as we were able to start the gradual restoration of pre-COVID activity we organised the Fairstead engagement meeting for the earliest possible date.

The situation with an on-site GP remains unchanged at this time. I understand that at the meeting feedback was provided by a number of parties, including the issue of an on-site GP, which will inform a set of options. We are committed to ensuring transparent and clear engagement with key stakeholders as we progress through the development and appraisal of potential options.