

Topic Paper 6 – Health Infrastructure Provision

This document is one of the supporting topic papers of Suffolk’s supplementary guidance “Section 106 Developers Guide to Infrastructure Contributions in Suffolk”. It is intended as a guide for landowners, developers and residents and sets out how NHS England (and, through NHS England, the three Clinical Commissioning Groups: NHS Ipswich & East Suffolk CCG, NHS West Suffolk CCG and NHS Great Yarmouth & Waveney CCG - the CCGs) will deal with planning applications where the provision of and contributions towards healthcare infrastructure may be sought.

1 HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE – CAPITAL PROVISION, CAPITAL FUNDING AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- 1.1 NHS England and the CCGs have a statutory responsibility to invest public funds in the commissioning of healthcare services on behalf of over 600,000 people in Suffolk. These services can be delivered by a range of organisations, including GP partnerships, NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts and private and voluntary organisations. The commissioners have a responsibility to improve health, wellbeing and protect health, a role they carry out in association with partner organisations and specialist support from the public, voluntary, community and private sectors to plan, develop and secure healthcare services. There are approximately 1,800 patients per GP and 2,000 patients per dentist.
- 1.2 The housing and employment growth requirements previously proposed for the East of England in the Regional Strategy would have seen a further 48,000 dwellings and 53,000 jobs to be provided in Suffolk up until 2021. Growth of this scale would have a major impact on the ability to provide and maintain healthcare services across the County. Despite the abolition of the Regional Strategy, planned growth levels remain broadly similar.
- 1.3 The levels of growth that may occur in Suffolk will give rise to an increased impact on healthcare provision necessitating additional healthcare infrastructure, resources and funding. There will be a requirement for physical infrastructure provision e.g. premises/floor space and parking facilities and/or related funding, for health services, which may comprise:
 - 1.3.1 Additional or enhanced GP surgery floor space and facilities, including fit out and refurbishment.
 - 1.3.2 Health centres, from which primary and community care services can be delivered.
 - 1.3.3 Related transport facilities.
- 1.4 Infrastructure provision and/or developer contributions may therefore be sought from new development to provide for the additional healthcare infrastructure, resources and funding to ensure that strong, healthy and active communities are created and maintained, and sustainable development is delivered.