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Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent CCGs' Headquarters

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LPA	Stafford Borough Council
App Ref	22/35765/FUL
Development	Change of use from student accommodation to asylum seeker accommodation
Address	Former University Halls of Residence, Stafford Education and Enterprise Park, Weston Road, Stafford
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Case Officer	Vanessa Blake
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Dear Vanessa,

Thank you for providing the CCGs with the opportunity to comment on this application. This response is given purely from the perspective of the primary care estates function.

Strategic Planning and decision-taking:

Section 8 of the NPPF 'Promoting healthy and safe communities' makes clear that policies and decisions associated with development should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places.

At paragraph 93 b) it is also made clear that policies and decisions should *"take into account and support the delivery of local strategies to improve health, social and cultural well-being for all sections of the community."*

In determining applications for development, the CCG wishes to work with local planning authorities and create awareness of local strategies to improve health and I would draw your attention to the advent of primary care networks (PCN). In brief the model seeks to ensure equality of service for patients by ensuring that all patients within England are covered by a PCN, which should help to integrate primary care with secondary and community services. Since 2019 General practices have been organising themselves into local networks to provide care at this greater scale.

The NHS Long Term Plan supports a vision of care delivered at system, place and neighbourhood level and supports NHS organisations to have more of a proactive focus on improving population health.

The submission detail and local infrastructure:

The site is located within the Stafford Central primary care network (PCN) with the nearest primary care premises being a branch practice (Beaconside Health Centre) of Weeping Cross Health Centre, which currently has a shortage of gross internal area (GIA) and clinical rooms to serve the current patient population (approximately 20,797 patients across the main practice and 2 branches).

The site falls outside of the catchment of the remaining practices within this PCN with the next nearest premises on foot or vehicle being Wolverhampton Road Surgery (1.7miles). The nearest

acute services are approximately 14.4 miles from the site. The submission suggests transportation would be arranged for occupants to see healthcare providers, for example, does this offer extend to all occupants within the dispersed accommodation on an ad-hoc basis?

The submission states that the initial accommodation facilities *'are the only part of the site where families stay and the support services they will need (education and health) during their short stay within the facility, typically four weeks, are delivered independently and therefore do not require any support from the Local Authority infrastructure'*. It is requested that further clarity should be sought in respect of the nature of this independent support and how this may be extended to the dispersed accommodation to be provided on site thereby allowing an understanding of what additional demand will arise from this facility, which is set to operate until 31st August 2029.

Yours sincerely

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