

## **Item 13 Development Committee 16 August 2023**

### **Possible Closure of Todmorden Upstairs GP Surgery**

#### **Background**

We have been advised that patients of the Todmorden Upstairs Surgery (Calder Community Practice) have been advised by letter by the NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board that the temporary contract for the Calder Community Practice ends in March 2024. This temporary contract has been extended twice before because of the Covid pandemic.

The letter states that this temporary arrangement cannot continue and that a permanent solution is required.

The letter states that they have written to organisations, asking them if they wish to run the practice. A final decision will be made in December 2023.

#### **Issue**

Patients are concerned that the practice may close if an organisation does not come forward to take responsibility. Local GP practices already have high patient numbers and are overloaded. The 2021 Census indicates also that the population in Todmorden has risen by around 1,000 in the last ten years.

There is concern that the practice may be combined with the downstairs surgery (Todmorden Health Practice) without the additional resources required to provide a service to the residents of Todmorden.

#### **Proposed Action**

Members are asked to consider what steps Todmorden Town Council can take, including writing a letter to the NHS West Integrated Care Board, copied to the Calderdale MP, requesting that the Upstairs Surgery continues.

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