

Appendix 2

Burghead and Hopeman Branch Surgeries

Strengths:

The branch surgeries are local; they are within walking distance for the majority of the village patients who are fit enough to walk. They are therefore very convenient for the village population.

Both are small branch surgeries so patients have a feeling of knowing everyone.

Both villages have a pharmacy with a prescribing pharmacist.

Both villages have access to the P&J sponsored minibus, both have access to dial a bus service.

Weaknesses:

Burghead branch – a rental property with a lease due to expire in 2023. These premises would not meet health care premises regulations irrespective of investment. These premises are currently owned by BH Pharmacy and are leased by NHS Grampian at a rate of £5847.00 per annum.

Hopeman branch – is a GP owned property in Hopeman, similarly these premises would not meet current health care premises regulations and would require extensive work to be undertaken including an extension to convert the facility into a usable clinical and/or office space.

When previously operational both branch surgeries were utilised part time with limited GP/nurse clinics - both work only 3 sessions per week per site. 57 patients were seen per week on average at each branch surgery versus 1500 per week at the surgery in Lossiemouth.

All 'urgent' calls require to be dealt with in Lossiemouth.

There is reduced access to the broader multi-disciplinary team (MDT) within the local communities, the vast majority of patients needing a follow up appointment require to be seen in Lossiemouth.

Poorly patients needing interventions such as PIC lines/catheters etc. still need to come into Lossiemouth or receive a home visit from the nursing team, therefore branch surgeries only used for 'fitter' patients.

Stagecoach bus service does not run along the coast road to Lossiemouth so reliant on own transport or the two excellent voluntary bus services. The only option on public transport is to go into Elgin, change bus and then back out to Lossiemouth - around an hour's journey for less than an eight mile direct trip.