

**NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group - Governing Body  
meeting – 19 November 2014**

**Public Questions**

**Question 3 (from Mr Philip Jordan)**

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Please, what are Dorset CCG's plans for more economic use of property – perhaps to co-locate/share with other official/public and/or religious bodies (including the several in Dorchester) for training/administration/managers and meetings as well as clinical services?

**Answer - from Charles Summers, Director of Engagement and Development (tel:01305 368046/email: [Charles.summers@dorsetccg.nhs.uk](mailto:Charles.summers@dorsetccg.nhs.uk))**

Mr Jordan of Dorchester - thank you for your question. Since being established in April 2013, NHS Dorset CCG has looked critically at its existing property commitments and implemented measures to reduce our use of our premises.

As well as demonstrating good stewardship of our resources, the CCG has a commitment to plan to deliver a 10% reduction in administration running costs against the national running costs allocation mandated by NHS England for 2015-16. Dorset CCG has already delivered £2m saving in administration costs within 2013-14, being two years earlier than required.

Part of the success of this strategy has been the continued review of non-pay HQ and administration costs. Specific savings associated with HQ estate rationalisation since April 2013 include the surrender of Victoria House in Ferndown and the surrender of the top floor office at Canford House, Wallisdown in Poole. These decisions have resulted in £750K of recurrent savings which have been directly reinvested in patient care.

The CCG is looking to further rationalise its estate during 2015 and has been in discussions with Dorset County Council as part of this process to minimise the cost for the wider taxpayer.

We will look further at what we can do in light of the working of the organisation and our relationships across the localities and partners. CCG commissioning ambitions reflect the focus on clinical outcomes more so than the premises under where services are provided. We acknowledge the work of public sector partners, including health organisations, working under a joint asset management network, to consider the best use of property in the provision of services.