

FOI Request - Healthcare Infrastructure Provision in Buckie and Cullen - 101002811682

1. An explanation and copy of any supporting documents of the site specific requirements (as provided by NHS Grampian) (as quoted on page 18 of the SG) that pertain to the need for reconfiguration of Seafield and Cullen Medical Practice.

Development sites identified in the Moray Local Development Plan 2020 will likely create an additional +1,303 patients, which equals to the need for an additional GP and associated space to allow the practice to accommodate these patients. NHS Grampian consider a reconfiguration would create sufficient capacity.

2. A copy of the impact assessment for Seafield Medical Centre and Cullen Primary Care Centre that the Council has undertaken to assess the impact of patients from new housing development on healthcare infrastructure.

Impact assessments are only considered when residential planning applications are submitted.

3. A breakdown of the expected number of proposed housing units in the individual catchment areas of Seafield Medical Centre and Cullen Primary Care Centre i.e. locations of sites and number of homes in each.

Sites as identified in the Moray Local Development Plan 2020	Indicative numbers
Buckie R6	110 units
Buckie R7	140 units
Buckie R8	250 units
Buckie R10	11 units
Buckie Long1	Not identified
Buckie OPP6	Not identified
Cullen R1	55 units
Cullen OPP1	Not identified
Cullen OPP2	Not identified
Portgordon R1	40 units

Applications for other sites including single house applications can come forward to the Council any time and the cumulative impact of those also need to be considered when assessing developer obligations.

4. Confirmation of the proportion of patients from new homes that the Council expects will already be registered with a medical practice in the local area.

Planning applications are based on proposed units, not on their occupants. Developer obligations assess the impact of planning applications and contributions are sought from all new residential units, regardless of its occupants, if it is considered that a mitigation to existing services is required to accommodate the residents generated by the new development.

5. Provide an explanation and any supporting evidence justifying the £896 contribution per SRUE for an internal reconfiguration of a medical practice, as quoted on page 18 of the SG.

The calculation for the figure is based on the following:

- Equivalent prime costs excluding external works £/m² as set out in the Quality and Efficiency document published by the Scottish Futures Trust, index-linked to Q4 2019 using building cost BCIS index
- Floorspace required for GP Practice as set out in The National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 the primary medical services – (premises development grants, improvement grants and premises costs) directions 2004
- Patient numbers per GP
- Average household size in Moray in 2018 as per Table 3 of Estimates of Households and Dwellings in Scotland publication available on the NRS website

6. A copy of the source or evidence for the ratio of 1,500 patients per GP applied in the SG.

This information is provided by NHS Grampian.

7. A breakdown of the number of GPs and other staff members employed at Seafield Medical Centre and Cullen Primary Care Centre and the whole-time equivalent for each roll.

In accordance with section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 please be advise that this information is not held by Moray Council.

8. Confirmation of what mitigation measures the Council considers necessary to mitigate any perceived direct or cumulative impact of patients from new development within the catchment areas of Seafield Medical Centre and Cullen Primary Care Centre.

NHS Grampian has confirmed that a reconfiguration to Seafield and Cullen Medical Practice is required as a consequence of new residential developments.

9. Confirmation of the proposed additional floorspace at Seafield Medical Centre and/or Cullen Primary Care Centre that the Council considers necessary to mitigate any perceived direct or cumulative impact of patients from new development.

This is a decision to be taken by NHS Grampian and the Practice, depending on sites identified within the Moray Local Development Plan 2020 that come forward and the cumulative impact of small scale developments.