

figures back.) Whilst I do not have intimate knowledge of Meopham's situation, I do know that they are not 8 GP partners and like us, are a training practice, although they have fewer registrars, I suspect the figure quoted for them includes their registrars in a similar way to us. If you use their formula against our actual GP FTE, we are $6.6 \times 1.1216 = 7403$ patients, so we have negative capacity of 8697!

In terms of capacity, we do not have any spare capacity currently, with a daily fight to meet the excessive demand we are constantly under. The assumptions of the developers are I am afraid, fatally flawed. We have currently got no extra capacity with clinical rooms, they are fully utilised, so increasing numbers of clinicians is not possible with nowhere to put them! Further, the funding for general practice remains very poor, and is based on patient numbers, but paid in arrears. So funding for increasing lists will follow the increase in due course, but unless there is a massive increase, it is insufficient to be able to afford an extra GP – no one wants to be employed for 0.1 FTE of a role, which is all the extra funding would allow for.

I hope that helps and thank you again for the information provided.

