

## **Health Action Group - Progress Report to Saltash Town Council**

The meeting on 19 June was devoted to a presentation by a small team from Derriford Hospital, including one of their Directors. This confirmed what we were hoping for - a commitment to “care closer to home” which might entail more of the hospital’s services being made available off site.

We are therefore keen to co-operate with them, and they with us. They have promised to come back with a progress report in September, when they have had further time to talk to (1) the Cornwall Partnership Trust which runs St Barnabas and the community teams operating round here, and (2) the local Primary Care Network.

At our next meeting on July 24 we will be joined by Dr Andy Sant’s successor as the Cornwall Integrated Care Board’s Director for North and East Cornwall, Tryphaena Doyle. Since this Board is responsible for commissioning all local healthcare services, Tryphaena will be a key partner in securing the future services to which we aspire.

We all hope that we now have enough senior people familiar with issues and needs in the town to begin to turn talk into action in due course.

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