

Health Action Group - Progress Report to Saltash Town Council

Since I last reported in December, it has been agreed with local NHS leaders that a Project Team will now manage the process of bringing “care closer to home” by refurbishment of underused space at St Barnabas.

The Project Team had a preliminary meeting in mid-December but met formally for the first time at St Barnabas Hospital on March 18. The good news, however, is that the refurbishment of a small clinical room has been completed and will come to host a local phlebotomy service, probably from early summer onwards. The various NHS stakeholders are clearly meeting regularly to put this in place finally.

The St Barnabas Project Team is being led by Tryphaena Doyle, Place Director for NE Cornwall, and there will be two senior staff from Cornwall Foundation Trust (who manages the building), the two local GP Practices plus the GP out-of-hours service, and Derriford Hospital. Community representatives are the chairs of the two Patient Groups, and one Town Councillor (Cllr Jane Suter attended on this occasion).

The first step will be to consult all potential users of the building about the needs of their patients and service. The Team will be meeting every 6 weeks.

The future of the original Health Action Group is consequentially uncertain, but may have a role in reviewing progress generally, and feeding into wider NHS plans.

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