

To receive a report from the Health Action Group

Report to:

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Working Group / Cllr Writing the Report:

Health Action Group / Councillor Julia Peggs

Report Summary

What's happening at St Barnabus?

Progress with the Health Action Group in the town has been limited, but local patients' representatives, Town Councillors and others have established good links with those NHS staff who run the hospital and those who decide NHS priorities and investment locally. Nevertheless, getting anything done to improve health care locally has proved difficult to achieve.

So where are we now?

A joint St Barnabas Day Room Project has been set up. A room has consequently been modernised and equipped to provide a local blood test service (phlebotomy) to avoid patients having to travel to Plymouth when Port View and the Health Centre can't provide the service. We have spoken with the person charged with setting this up and feel confident the new service will come into being.....but we don't have a date yet!

Also, an exercise is being undertaken to plan an upgrade for the large Day Room at the rear of the hospital. This would be designed "to bring care closer to home" as a multi-purpose space for groups and individual clinics. The final upgrade will be determined by the services that are keen to use the facilities, and quotes for the work are being sought from NHS Property Services who own the building nowadays.

Finally, we are keeping an eye on the funding for local developments, some of which has been donated by the public over the years. And we are learning more about a new initiative to create a more "integrated team" to provide health and social care for patients at home, especially the most frail.

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