

## Thoughts by St. B. committee members June 2021

- It is so important to many Saltash residents that our community hospital is still used as much as possible for their benefit
- Saint Barnabas Hospital has always held a very high place in the minds of Saltash people. While Derriford [Plymouth] is just across the water the means of reaching it for disabled and elderly persons causes considerable difficulties in view of the poor transport links and is costly. This is particularly true for patients having to use the hospital on a daily basis and also, for families visiting residential patients
- It is an important part of Saltash and people felt looked after and cared for whilst there. It was a very nice place to go and it also means a lot to the community. It would have come in very handy for the Covid Injections, instead of having to travel miles to receive them
- Whilst I appreciate that St. Barnabas is not really feasible as a hospital for in patients, there is no reason why it cannot offer other medical services. For example, I would like to see St. Barnabas hold clinics that are currently done by the local GP. As a diabetic it would be very useful to have to attend one clinic for my annual eye, feet, weight and diet appointment. Instead, I have to attend three separate clinics. This would free up my GP practice which is currently very short of doctors and, therefore, has limited consultation time
- It would also be useful to have an X-ray department like the one in Liskeard and also, if possible, a Phlebotomy department to take blood samples. Again, you either have to get an appointment from your overworked GP's or go to an overworked Derriford department
- I would like to see more out-patient clinics at St Barnabas. Patients often have appointment consultations at Derriford, for pre- operative tests or post-operative checks, neither of which usually requires the equipment of an acute hospital. I believe a Consultant could see 10 or 12 people in an afternoon clinic saving all that travel time and cost. It can take up to an hour each way if you don't or can't drive yourself