

To receive an update on the future of the health care in Saltash and consider any actions

April update:

We were grateful of the support of the Council last month by hosting an initial exploratory meeting with the managing Director of the Integrated Care Area (N/E Cornwall), Dr Sant. The meeting was organised by the PPGs and very well attended. There was a frank exchange of views over two hours. Despite some downsides to parts of the discussion, the outcome was positive, and Dr Sant indicated that he was impressed by the “community energy” he had encountered, and was going to make Saltash his number one priority for action. He said he would come back within a month with his own thoughts and ideas.

There will be two elements in taking things forward, and the two Patient Groups in the town have been tasked to set these up:

1. A small **Action Group** to develop specific plans and to take them forward, and
2. A wide representative **Community Consultation Group** to give feedback to the Action Group.

As suggested by Dr Sant, the first meeting of the Action Group will take place on April 19 in the afternoon, and we ask if the Town Council would be willing to allow the meeting to be hosted in the Guildhall free of charge? We are proposing membership as follows:

Dr Sant and the Chairman of STC as joint chairs,
A Senior Manager from Cornwall NHS Partnership Trust,
2 PPG chairs,
A representative of St Barnabas League of Friends,
A Cornwall Councillor,
Two Town Councillors – Cllr Griffiths and Cllr Peggs and two substitutes Cllr B Samuels and Bullock,
Practice Managers from Port View and the Health Centre.

We are proposing that the terms of reference should be as follows: To produce an Action Plan based initially on the recommendations of the Joint PPG group (timescale tbc).

The two PPGs will also lead the setting up the Community Consultation Group, but we will wait until the Action Group has met before finalising this. It will be open to everyone, and will operate both online and via occasional meetings.

End of Report

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