

Healthcare Action Group - Update

We reported to you in April that an Action Group was being formed to produce a plan for the future of health care services in the town, and to make a start on implementation. The Group met for the first time on April 19, and agreed an outline of short, medium and longer term actions. Individual members undertook to come back to a second meeting on June 7 with more detailed proposals after consultation with colleagues. It is hoped these will be the bedrock of the plan.

Topics being examined include: securing finance, team working, midwifery/school nursing, St Barnabas out-patient clinics and diagnostic services, dentistry, dressing of wounds, and analysis of demands on the Practices.

This felt like a really good start to all those involved, after years of neglect. However, we all know we are reliant on the continued support of Dr Andy Sant, the Director of Integrated Care on N/E Cornwall - the man who holds the purse strings.

Thanks to the Town Council for supporting us in this. Councillors may be interested to look at the attached information which we presented at the meeting to highlight not only the lack of investment by the NHS in Saltash in the last decade or so compared to other towns locally, but the effects of the actual disinvestment we have suffered with the loss of services from St Barnabas Hospital.

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PPG Chairs - Voice of Saltash Patients

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Some comparisons

Peter April 2023 All data taken this month from NHS web pages and ONS

Bodmin

Population 16900

- Community Hospital with 2 wards
- Anchor - 12 beds
- Community Assessment & Treatment - 22 beds
- Emphasis older people recovery and rehab, plus end of life
- MIU and X-Ray
- Community Diagnostic Centre



Saltash

Population 16300

- Community Hospital with 0 beds
- Base for community teams, and o/p clinics
- No MIU
- No X-Ray
- GP surgery next door - no formal partnership



Liskeard

Population 10900

- Community Hospital with 2 wards
- Oak - 25 beds
- Willow 19 beds
- Emphasis older people recovery and rehab, plus end of life
- MIU & X-Ray



Launceston

Population 10200

- Community Hospital with 2 wards
- 7 beds in each ward
- Emphasis older people recovery and rehab, plus end of life
- MIU & X-Ray



Torpoint

Population 7400

- No Hospital
- Modern building
- GP Practice
- Community Health base (CPFT)
- Minor procedures, ultrasound

