

Listening Exercise for new Integrated Hospital Development for Berwick

NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is working with partners at Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and Northumberland County Council to look at the possibility of a new integrated hospital development in Berwick. The CCG remains committed to developing a new hospital that will be fit for the future and best meet the needs of the local population.

The plans to redevelop Berwick Infirmary were paused 18 months ago to allow time to consider the implications of local, regional and national healthcare strategies and also to focus on the findings of a review of Berwick Infirmary which looked at how it could best be used to meet the healthcare needs of local people.

There have recently been a number of early discussions between the CCG and its partners about the possible development of a new integrated health, social care and leisure complex in Berwick. Much more detailed planning is needed but this could potentially mean a new development with inpatient, outpatient and other hospital services, some GP services, and bringing together some health and care staff who work in the community as well as leisure centre services.

At this early stage the CCG wishes to talk to local people about their views on this type of development, which is different to what has been discussed previously. If this model was to be pursued, it will be important to identify a suitable location and the CCG is also keen to seek views on the sites that are available.

The CCG is pleased that the Berwick Regeneration Commission is now in place with membership including county councillors, town councillors and public governors from Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. This will ensure that any new development contributes to the wider regeneration of the town and that opportunities are taken for further integrating services to ensure the maximum benefit for local people.

A series of informal drop in sessions at community venues in Berwick are planned to give members of the public the chance to call by to give their views about the possible new development and about the different sites that are available. People living in Belford and Wooler will be able to give their views at the Northumbria Healthcare 'Join our Journey' trailer which will be in those areas. The trailer will also visit Berwick Market Place.

Now some of the sessions which had to be postponed due to the adverse weather have been rescheduled and details are below. Further sessions are being rescheduled and details will be published when they are confirmed.

The rescheduled drop in sessions will take place as follows::

- Wednesday 14 March, 9am – 4pm, Northumbria Healthcare 'Join our Journey' trailer, Berwick Market Place, TD15 1BN
- Thursday 15 March, 10am – 12pm, Northumbria Healthcare Join our Journey Trailer, Belford Market Square, (outside Blue bell), Market Place, Belford, NE70 7NE
- Thursday 15 March, 1pm-3pm, Northumbria Healthcare Join our Journey Trailer, Cheviot Centre, Padgepool Place, Wooler, NE71 6BL

For further information or to confirm attendance to the drop in sessions (not required for the Northumbria trailer) please contact Melody Price 01670 335185 or email melodyprice@nhs.net.

You can also give your views by visiting NHS Northumberland CCG's website at: www.northumberlandccg.nhs.uk or by following us on twitter @NHSNlandCCG or facebook @northumberlandccg.



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