

'Getting services right for Holsworthy'

Holsworthy Community Involvement Group (HCIG)
Community, NHS, Voluntary Sector and Local Authorities Working together

Update eight – 21 August 2018

The following represents an update from your representatives on the committee. A public update will follow every meeting. This will be made available online, together with other information so as to keep the community informed.

Have your say

This is week eight of a minimum 12-week project looking at the future healthcare needs of the Holsworthy area.

The group set up to do this (The Holsworthy Community Involvement group – HCIG) includes local people and community leaders and it has been working with the NHS to design ways to involve people in helping us to understand the needs of our community. The group has identified three ways of involving people:

1. Online survey

Leaflets have now gone out to 6,500 homes in the area telling people about the survey and the work of the group. The survey went live on 20 August and will close on 26 September 2018. Over 100 people have already completed the survey online. You can join them by completing your survey online here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Holsworthyarea>

For people unable to go online, paper copies will be available at the following locations from the 23 August:

- Local Post offices
- Holsworthy Hospital
- Holsworthy and Black Torrington GP practices
- Torridge council offices
- Holsworthy council offices
- Holsworthy library
- The Holsworthy and Stratton show

2. Face-to-face meetings

The HCIG are planning to run a series of face to face conversations with various groups and communities from across the area. More information will be available regarding these opportunities in our next update.

If you run a group or represent a local community and would be interested in hosting a conversation on what people feel they need locally to help them stay happy and healthy please contact the group by emailing: sally.parker5@nhs.net

3. Focus groups

Focus groups are the third way people will be able to have their say. They provide a real opportunity for specific issues to be considered in depth. HCIG are keen to ensure that the focus groups reach out to people who have not had a chance to be heard. Planning for these will start soon and further information will be provided.

Clinical group meeting

This group is responsible for advising the HCIG on the clinical aspects of the local community and the hospital. They are currently working on a report which will provide some advice and guidance around the future shape of health and care in Holsworthy. Once the report is completed they intend to share it with the HCIG, as the recommendations from this will form part of the final report the HCIG provides for commissioners.

Community hospital update

Efforts continue to find medical cover to reopen Holsworthy's hospital beds. Health and social care manager Gary Patch said he had been having discussions with a number of other potential providers but so far none feel able to supply the medical cover needed. Gary will continue to approach other providers.

The overall reopening implementation plan for Holsworthy hospital remains on track.

Nursing home de-registration

Devon County Council and the CCG continue to work with the home, the Care Quality Commission, and with individuals and their families who are affected by the decision to deregister. Their priority is to ensure that those who need care receive it.

The next meeting of the HCIG group will take place on Tuesday, September 4.