

'Getting services right for Holsworthy'

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

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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.

Introduction

This is week 9 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

Interim findings from the survey were presented at the meeting and contained some interesting information. Over 250 people had responded online and 17 had returned paper surveys. The response rate was lower than the group had hoped for but partly this was due to an issue with multiple access to the online survey which meant only one response could be given per computer. This has now been resolved so if people sharing a computer have experienced this problem please do go onto the survey again at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Holsworthyarea>

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. Clinical group meeting

This group is responsible for advising the HCIG on the clinical aspects of the local community and the hospital. A report providing some advice and guidance around the clinical view of future health and care in Holsworthy was presented to the group. The recommendations from this will form part of the final report the HCIG provides for commissioners and the group will discuss how the information will be used at their next meeting.

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.

NDHT is advertising the post of Ward manager again as the first advert did not lead to an appointment. The issue of finding in-hours medical cover continues to be difficult to resolve, but all avenues and opportunities continue to be pursued.

The next meeting of the HCIG group will take place on Tuesday, September 18.