

'Getting services right for Holsworthy'

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

Update 16 – 6 October 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.

Good response to the survey

More than 1,000 people living in Holsworthy and the surrounding areas have now responded to the neighbourhood survey.

Last week's meeting of the HCIG heard that the survey has now closed and efforts are under way to capture and then analyse the data received.

Independent watchdog Healthwatch had been commissioned to do the work and will produce a report to be published in December.

Next stage of research

Ahead of this, the group will plan the next stage of research based on some early feedback from Healthwatch.

The communications team from the NHS will then arrange focus group work with people in the area to delve more deeply into the survey findings. This work will take about 4 weeks.

The combined findings – both quantitative and qualitative data - will help the group to make recommendations about future health and care needs in the area.

These recommendations, along with clinical, financial and logistical considerations, will then inform decisions about future services for wider community consideration, which may be subject to consultation.

Thanks

The group thanked the HCIG and community for its response to the survey and also for the support received from the League of Friends, which covered the costs of the house-to-house leaflet. Other local businesses were also helping out as was the CCG who had contributed significantly to the cost of the programme.

There was discussion about how funds could be brought together to benefit specific projects in the town. It was decided that this would be put on the next agenda for further discussion.

Publicity

The work in Holsworthy and surrounding area is becoming much more widely known. The excellent Holsworthy Post had kept people informed about the progress of the HCIG and the approach being developed in Devon, including in Holsworthy, had received the backing of the NHS CEO's director of communication.

Members of the group had been in touch with BBC Spotlight and a package would be planned towards the beginning of December.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the HCIG will take place on Tuesday, October 30.