

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.

Excellent response to the survey

The survey has now closed and the information handed over to independent watchdog, Healthwatch. Feedback is expected in December.

A total of 1,066 local people in Holsworthy and the surrounding areas completed the survey. The group thanked all who took part and supported the work.

Once the analysis is received, the group will explore the findings in more detail to understand the 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.

Hospital reopening implementation

Discussions continue over the provision of medical cover at Holsworthy Hospital, with a number of avenues having been explored.

The latest approach was to the Royal Navy medical team at Devonport in Plymouth, who were unable to support due to a lack of specialist clinicians in the area required.

As a result of this, at the last meeting, the group agreed to formally request statements from NDHT and the CCG regarding medical cover for the beds. Responses are expected in the next month or so.

There is an agreed plan in place and medical cover must come first, then nurses before beds can safely open.

Impact assessments

The CCG and NDHT have begun the process of producing an updated Quality and Equality Impact Assessment (QEIA) to understand the impact the lack of inpatient beds in the Holsworthy area is having.

Three QEIAs have been produced in the past couple of years, and the updated one will build upon those. It is expected to be completed in the coming months.

Community funding

The group is looking at potential sources of funding to support future services in the area.

A number of therapists and support workers in the Holsworthy area are currently funded by the Better Care Fund – a programme between the NHS and local government that seeks to join-up health and care services.

The CCG has also submitted a bid for funding to the Life Chances programme, which will support specific health and wellbeing projects in local areas, such as Holsworthy.

A model of best practice

The excellent work taking place in the Holsworthy area is becoming increasingly recognised across Devon. The CCG presented a paper, *Positively Engaging with Local Communities*, on behalf of the Devon health and care system, outlining approach to engagement. The model is based firmly on the Holsworthy project and is testament to the hard work of the group and local community.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the HCIG will take place on Tuesday, November 13.