

Healthy Buxton

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Designing services around the needs of Buxton

Derbyshire County PCT and the local GP practices (Buxton Commissioning Group) are working with partners in the Buxton area to redesign services around the needs of the local population. This is likely to require redevelopment of current health facilities in the Buxton area.

This proposal is an exciting opportunity to provide the population of Buxton with state-of-the-art health facilities that are capable of delivering world-class services.

Through improved partnership arrangements between primary care, hospital staff, the local authority and voluntary sector workers, services will be provided through a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary approach – all with the aim of meeting the majority of patients' needs in the local community.

Tracy Allen, PCT Director with responsibility for providing current health facilities in Buxton, said: "We're really excited about this project. Certainly the current community hospitals and health centres serve their purpose, but we must look towards providing world-class services for patients in Buxton into the future, alongside our colleagues from within the NHS, the local and county councils and the voluntary sector."

Along with open events and other opportunities to **get involved**, we will produce regular bulletins with the latest information on developments and these will be distributed across the Buxton area.

This first bulletin sets the scene for the project and identifies the next steps.

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Background to Healthy Buxton

Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust and local GPs are looking to redevelop health services and facilities in Buxton, to bring NHS care into the 21st Century.

Current facilities at the town's Cavendish Hospital, Buxton Cottage Hospital and the local GP practices provide no room for expansion, in line with the needs of providing a modern health service.

Simply redeveloping the current

premises is unlikely to be enough to ensure local people have a full range of joined up services suited to their needs.

Developments are in line with the current national direction of the Our NHS, our future review, and we will make sure any new services and facilities are fit for local purpose by talking to the people of Buxton.

This project will be responding to the health needs agreed with commissioners and public health, not just responding to a long list of what everybody wants.

Involving Local People

Throughout the project we will be seeking the views of staff and local people to help shape the Healthy Buxton project. We have already set up a Consultation Planning Group, involving local people, to help develop our plans for consultation.

Any formal plans we develop will be subject to full consultation and we will ensure that details about these consultations are made widely available across Buxton and through the media at the earliest opportunity.

We will also be holding events at key stages along the way to showcase our plans and provide local people with the opportunity to comment on the services that might be included. Again, information about these events will be made widely available at the earliest opportunity.

The first set of consultation meetings has now been arranged and details can be found on page 3. The aim of these meetings is for the people of Buxton to come and talk with the PCT in general terms about their experiences of health services in Buxton to help us get a clear picture of what might be required of the project.



Opportunities To Give Your Views

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Launch Date: Monday 15 September Pavilion Gardens Octagon 6.30pm—8.30pm

Geographical events:

Monday 22 September: Hardwick Square Infant School, 6.30pm—8.30pm

Tuesday 23 September: Harpur Hill Club, 6.30pm—8.30pm

Monday 29 September: Burbage Institute, 6.30pm—8.30pm

Wednesday 1 October: Sure Start Centre, Fairfield, 6.30pm—8.30pm

Friday 10 October: Pavilion Gardens Octagon, 6.30pm — 8.30pm

Focus sessions:

Older People: Monday 6 October: Pavilion Gardens Octagon, 2pm—4pm

Mental Health: Thursday 9 October: Pavilion Gardens Octagon, 2pm—4pm

Young Adults: Tuesday 14 October: University Dome, 12pm—2pm

Disability Event: Wednesday 15 October: Pavilion Gardens Octagon, 2pm—4pm

The consultation meetings are not asking for views on specific proposals but to gauge the ideas and impressions of local people in taking health and related services into the 21st century. Your views on what works well, what else might be needed and your other experiences will be highly valued by the project team and will play a major part in deciding how the project might proceed.

How we will keep you informed

This bulletin is the first in a series that will be developed by the PCT as the project progresses. The Healthy Buxton project has developed a detailed communications plan that will help ensure anyone with an interest in the project will have up-to-date information as it becomes available. We will also make sure that we continue to communicate any opportunities for you to get involved as soon as details are available.

In between these bulletins, you can also ask any questions you may have about the project using the contact details on the back of this bulletin. You can also visit the Healthy Buxton website to find out more:

www.derbyshirecountypct.nhs.uk/buxton

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Timescales

As we have stressed above, the Healthy Buxton project is in its very early development. However, we are currently working to the following timetable:

Project Phase	Timescale
Project Start-up	Spring/Summer 2008
Local engagement and consultation set-up	Autumn 2008
Public consultation on options	Spring 2009
Consultation analysis and reviewing the options	Summer 2009
Public Consultation on final plans	Autumn 2009
Approve final proposal	Winter 2009/2010
Development phase	2010 onwards

Further information

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