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Fareham hospital progress dogged by NHS red tape

A WIDER range of services could be on the cards at Fareham Community Hospital.

Medical bosses say the £24m recently opened building is under-used and hindered by NHS red tape.

For example, 5 separate NHS organisations must be consulted before any action can be taken.

The situation was revealed at a well-attended Friends of the Hospital annual meeting in July.

Dr Alan McFarlane (Brook Lane Surgery) and the senior development officer for Fareham & Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Sarah Tiller, highlighted some of the current constraints inhibiting full use.

The CCG contracts services from other NHS agencies, including the QA and Southampton General Hospitals, from 8am to 8pm five days a week.

Fareham's hospital is open only until 5.30pm daily as receptionists and cleaners are employed by another NHS trust.

The CCG plans full use of the hospital by contracting out more outpatient clinics and other services.

In the not too distant future it wants a minor injuries unit and other diagnostic facilities providing a wider range of services closer to the community.

It is also planned to provide further services at the hospital and a day care centre for dementia sufferers.

Councillor Brian Bayford, Fareham Council's representative on the CCG board, said: "If a resident has an outpatient appointment (for other than



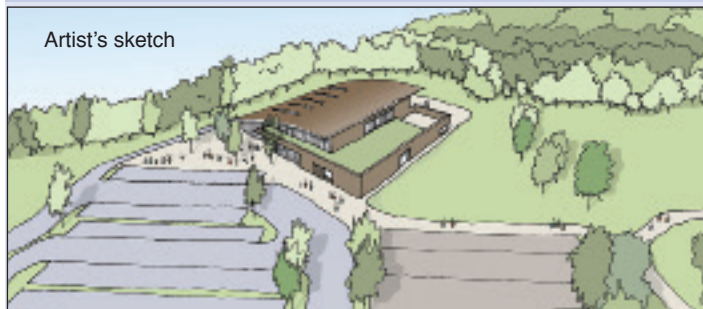
MSK needs) at the hospital and then requires a MRI scan, in many cases this requires a separate visit to QA.

"Another major problem at the hospital is that any action requires 5 separate NHS organisations to be consulted, so no one NHS agency or person is in overall control."

Early in September, the CCG organised a 'workshop' at the hospital with interested persons and organisations to identify the problems and to work toward the fullest use of this facility.

- 5 different NHS organisations must approve every action
- Nobody is in overall charge

£7m Western Wards leisure centre to open in 2016



PLANS for a Western Wards leisure complex are well under way and it's expected to open in July 2016

A swimming pool and fitness suite are included in the centre which will cost £7m.

Conservative-led Fareham Borough Council has set aside funds and outline planning consent for building it on the old Coldeast Hospital site in Sarisbury is in place.

Councillor Brian Bayford stated: "Provision of a swimming pool for the Western Wards has been a high priority of mine for many years and I'm pleased there is such strong public support for this project."

Balfour Beatty, one of the country's leading construction companies, won the contract to design and build the centre and RTP Leisure has been appointed as leisure consultant.

Next step will be a public consultation on the design and access before a detailed application is submitted.

It will be sited next to Barnes Lane opposite Holly Hill Woodland Park and near Sarisbury Infant School.



NEWS ROUND

Thanks

Councillor Brian Bayford has thanked all those who voted for him in the May elections, when he had a majority of 805 in a three-cornered fight.

Grants available

County Councillor Seán Woodward has £8,000 available for grants during 2014/2015 for local groups to bid for.

He would like to hear from anyone with projects in mind who would benefit from some funding.

The money is specifically for one-off projects rather than running costs and groups themselves would be expected to contribute.

Keep your hedges trimmed

The warm, moist summer has proliferated vegetation and hedge growth.

Residents are asked to check to see that their trees and bushes have not grown across pavements or neighbours' properties.

Hedges should be in line with boundary walls and not interfere with pedestrians.

If overgrown hedges etc are reported to Hampshire Highways, householders will be told to cut them back.

First prize for crafts



It was a triumph for members of Burridge and Park Gate WI at this year's Sarisbury Horticultural Show.

Their entry in a class requiring 6 different types of craft was centred on a village maypole and took first prize.

The winners pictured were Pat Johnson, Dodge Stemberge, Jean Lovesey and Mary Tizzard.

Commuter parking problem solved

PARKING restrictions have been introduced in Brook Lane.

Daytime parking by commuters to the Royal Mail offices led to numerous complaints by residents.

There is now no waiting Mon – Sat 9 to 10 am and 2 to 3pm on the western side and Mon–Sat 8am to 6pm on the eastern side of the road.

Hopefully, it will protect visibility from drive-ways, deter daytime parking and keep Brook Lane traffic free flowing at morning peak

PHOTO: Councillor Marian Ellerton views the effect of the 'No parking' area with resident Jack Lucas.



Conservatory comfort for bowls club spectators

A NEW conservatory has been constructed on the front of Lockwood Bowling Club to provide cover for players and guests to view the green in comfort.

The cost was match funded by a grant from Fareham Borough Council. This is the latest addition to the bowling club which continues to thrive and remains a centre of activity for its members for matches and social events.

It was opened by former Fareham Mayor Councillor Susan Bayford.

PHOTO: Park Gate Councillors Marian Ellerton and Brian Bayford and club members try out the new conservatory.



Romantic wedding setting in the manor re-born



Coldeast Mansion, on the site of the former hospital, is being converted to create 36 apartments for hire and a wedding venue.

So you might well be able to accommodate all your guests under one roof.

It's expected to be open within a year when the apartments can be hired for up to 12 months and, with the grounds restored, it's likely to prove popular.

FANCY a prestigious mansion for your wedding venue? Then look no further than the one pictured above.

Developer Nick Sutton is spending £2m restoring the mansion, once the home of 19th century benefactor Claude Montefiore.

It eventually housed patients with learning difficulties and has been derelict since the NHS closed it in 1990.

Councillor Seán Woodward, pictured with Nick Sutton, said: "I had the mansion locally listed 25 years ago, but it wasn't a statutory designation.

"I'm delighted it's still standing and it will be fantastic to have such a high quality venue on the site and to have public access again to a historic local building."



Decision nears on Whiteley bus gate permanent opening

HAMPSHIRE'S transport chief will decide on November 4 whether the bus gate linking Botley Road, Swanwick to Yew Tree Drive, Whiteley should stay open to all traffic except heavy goods vehicles.

County Councillor Seán Woodward, Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, said a survey showed most local residents wanted it to stay open.

If he decides 'Yes', then Fareham Borough Council will have the final say on whether to grant planning consent.

His decision may rest on a recent successful bid by Solent Local Enterprise Partnership for £14m of government funding to speed up the North Whiteley development, mainly to open a northern access to Whiteley within 3 years.

This would mean completing Bluebell Way to access Botley Road, which would also help early construction of a new primary school and continue Whiteley Way to the secondary school

Traffic flow predictions based on future development show that keeping the Yew Tree Drive link and opening Bluebell Way would reduce traffic through Burridge.

Traffic calming measures will be needed on Swanwick Lane, which could be paid for from the government funding.

'Happy wanderers' liven twin-town festival



WHITELEY Primary School choir visited Fareham's twin town of Pulheim in Germany at the end of June.

The children sang as part of the musical entertainment which was held in the market square during the annual Stadtfest celebrations.

The weather during the four-day visit was showery, but this did not dampen the spirits and all the Fareham visitors were proud of the choir's performance.

Landmark tree felled

THE LANDMARK Monterey pine at the junction of Brook Lane and Bridge Road was found to have major disease problems and had to be felled in the interests of safety.

An idea by County Councillor Seán Woodward to retain part of the trunk to provide a 'totem pole' feature was also found to be unsafe.

The owners of the site have been asked to provide another tree to replace the pine.

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MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES



‘Good to see local MP supporting LOCAL cause at Wicor school today.’

Mr A of Portchester

‘Please accept my sincere thanks for your time and help on this case and I know that if anything was to develop further I can contact you again ... Once again Mark a big thank you.’

Ms B of Fareham

‘Thank you for the letter regarding protest emails circulating for some time. Your prompt detailed explanation about various concerns is greatly appreciated.’

Mr P of Locks Heath

‘I’d like to thank you for all your help and support you and your team provided me to deal with my Incapacity Benefit appeal ... I and my family are very grateful for all your help.’

Mrs S of Fareham

‘I would like to thank you for your quick and effective intervention, with regard to my dealings with the Job Centre, Mark. It really made them act swiftly and positively.’

Mr L of Titchfield Common

‘I wish to say a very big thanks to all involved in helping resolve this issue, it has been a big worry to us all and once again Mark and his team have had success.’

Mr F of Portchester

Mark acts to tackle crisis at the Queen Alexandra



When we go to hospital in an emergency, we expect to be seen quickly and then either admitted for further treatment or sent home.

The Government has set a target to make sure this happens, unfortunately the Queen Alexandra has consistently missed this target which is bad news for all of us.

In September I called a summit of local

health chiefs in Westminster to hear their plans to hit the target.

They are taking sensible steps to tackle this.

With the help of £4m of taxpayers’ money, they will open up more beds over the winter, set up an urgent care centre to prioritise treatment and improve discharge procedures.

But they also made a plea for people to think whether they would be better to see their GP, visit the chemist or minor injuries unit.

Health chiefs will report back on their progress in December.

Air traffic boss ‘blown away’ by Rainbow work



When National Air Traffic Services (NATS), Fareham’s biggest employer, asked me to nominate a local charity for a £500 donation, I didn’t hesitate and suggested the Rainbow Centre, which is based at Cams Alders.

But rather than simply post the cheque, I asked NATS boss, Richard Deakin, to present it to the centre’s director, Lara Bull.

It was a good way for Richard to see for himself why this is such a good cause. The centre, which gets next to no taxpayers’ money to fund its work, helps children with cerebral palsy

and adults who have had a stroke or who have Parkinsons or MS.

They do excellent work for children who had written off ever walking again. I know Richard was blown away by the centre’s work.

Surgery waiting times

Many residents are worried about GPs waiting times and I understand their concerns.

To see the problem from the GPs’ perspective, I visited surgeries in Whiteley, Titchfield and Locks Heath to talk to GPs, practice staff and nurses.

I will be at the Brook Lane surgery soon. Clearly, we don’t have enough GPs for the local population and we have one of the worst ratios of GPs to patients in the country.

Once I have completed my visits, I will take up this issue with local health chiefs.

Sea Sunday service

While there have been many events to mark the centenary of the First World War, I attended this year’s Sea Sunday Service at Warsash marked the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings of commandos who embarked for Normandy from Warsash.

Royal accolade



The Rainbow Centre isn’t our only flagship charity.

The Haven, a charity supporting women with breast cancer, is to open a new facility in Titchfield Square.

Sophie, Countess of Wessex visited the new centre and I was there to meet her.