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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



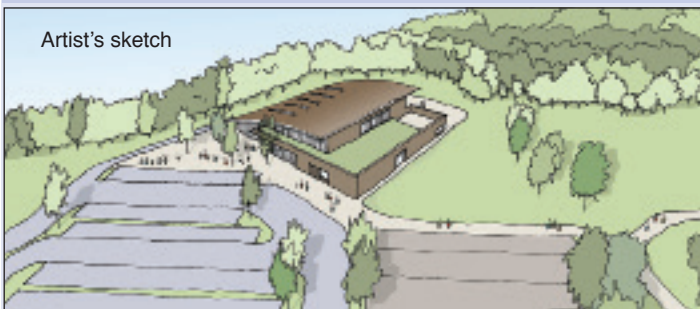
MSK needs) at the hospital and then requires a MRI scan, in many cases this requires a separate visit to QA.

"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 Seán Woodward 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



Seán thanks voters

"I am so pleased to be able to thank the people of Sarisbury Ward, including Sarisbury, Swanwick, Burrige, Lower Swanwick and Whiteley, for placing their trust in me and re-electing me for an eighth 4-year term."

Councillor Woodward, who had a majority of 1,290, has now represented the ward for 29 years.

He said: "I have never taken the electors for granted and have never stopped delivering the InTouch newsletters which I have been producing now for nearly 30 years."

Record investment

Hampshire County Council has approved its Capital Programme for the next three years involving an investment of £765m over that period.

County Councillor Seán Woodward says: "It is the largest injection of public sector capital ever invested by the County."

It aims to extend the extra care programme for older people who might otherwise need residential care and plans to build 700 units by 2017 and £6m will be set aside to extend the extra care programme for young people.

£11.8m will be spent to widen the availability of super-fast broadband across the County.

More capital will be invested in our road network, particularly from the Gosport peninsula to the M27.

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.

Could computer club's balloon reach cyber space?

WHITELEY Computer Club members (pictured) are planning to launch a balloon with video camera into space.

It's the latest idea in the programmes run for 8 to 15-year-olds by the club which has proved a huge success since it began in March.

It provides a fun place and safe environment for kids to learn about technology on Tuesday evenings, from 7pm-8.30pm at Whiteley Community Centre.

Chairman Steve Redding said: "The kids have been enjoying various projects including robotics, programming and game development and are currently working with green screen and video editing to create short films and special

effects.

"Volunteers are all from the community with a passion for technology and we are always on the lookout for new volunteers to join. No computer skills required!"

If you have a child who would be interested in joining the club, contact us at whiteleycomputerclub@gmail.com



'Keep Lee airfield' campaigner

JON BUTTS has joined the InTouch team for Sarisbury Ward.

He is product manager for a global technology company and has lived in Whiteley with his wife and two children since 1995.

He is founding member and chairman of Lee Flying Association which was formed in 2007 to oppose closure at 28 days' notice of Daedalus airfield to most of its aviation businesses and local users.

Although jobs were lost, LFA helped to defer then reverse the closure.

Today, LFA is a focal point for people who support retention of the airfield as a major element – economical and recreational – of Daedalus and its Enterprise Zone.



Whiteley bus link: Transport chief's decision date for 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, Curbridge at Ken's Way which will also provide access to the site and early construction of a new primary school to accommodate Cornerstone Primary School which is currently in temporary buildings.

Also to continue Whiteley Way to the secondary school site and to provide dual carriageway on the section which is currently not dualled.

Councillor Woodward said: "Fareham Council's current local plan states that

the link should remain closed except to buses and for emergencies until Whiteley Way is completed to provide a northern exit from Whiteley onto Botley Road well outside Burrige.

"Predictions of traffic flows based on future development show that keeping Yew Tree Drive open and the opening of Bluebell Way would actually reduce the traffic on Botley Road through Burrige.

"As well as the mitigation measures on Yew Tree Drive, which may require some improvement such as preventing the dangerous manoeuvre of those who insist on swerving into the middle of the road rather than slow for the speed cushions, there is also a need for urgent consideration of some form of traffic calming on Swanwick Lane which could also be paid for out of the £14m for an early northern access to Whiteley.

"This might involve speed cushions and/or build-outs to slow the traffic. However, any plans would firstly be consulted upon with Swanwick residents."



Whiteley school 'Play Trail' project completed thanks to Seán's grant



THIS is what you might achieve if you apply to County Councillor Seán Woodward for a community grant.

He gave cash earlier this year to Cornerstone Primary School, Whiteley towards their 'Play Trail' project.

Equipment was installed during the summer and you can see the result in the picture above..

Alethea Adair-Stantiall, past PTA chairman, said: "Your generosity and support meant we were able to move forward with the project.

"The children have recently started enjoying it. It's a fantastic addition to the outside space."

Councillor Woodward said he still had money left from his £8,000 county budget and urged organisations or individuals planning community projects to contact him.

'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.

Popular meeting place

BURRIDGE Village Hall has been operated for over 6 years by Burrige Community Association since its refurbishment by Fareham Council.

Association chairman Ken Potheary (pictured) says users have found it a great asset to diverse groups.

The Association is confident the current level of success as a venue will continue.



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‘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.