

Mayfield Medical Centres, New Road Site /Brixham Hospital

18th January 2021

Further to our update dated 9th November we can only apologise that no further progress has been made on this matter. A webinar was booked for the 4th December but was cancelled as the District Valuer had not submitted their report.

A further date was arranged for the 16th December, but this was also cancelled as we had not received any updated finances from the Hospital Foundation Trust and we had still not received any information from the District Valuer.

As of 18th January 2021 we are still awaiting another date to progress this project further.

9th November 2020

Further to our previous update below, we can advise you that: The Partners at the Mayfield Medical Centre had a recent 'video call' meeting with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the Hospital Trust Estates team and Compass House Surgery.

During this conversation, the partners felt more confident as it was evident that the CCG and the Hospital were now seriously considering the proposal for St Lukes surgery to move into the hospital site.

The space that will potentially be occupied by the surgery has been agreed in principle and the Trust and the CCG are now waiting for the District Valuer Services (DVS) to visit the site. The DVS is part of the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) who provide independent and impartial valuations across the entire public sector and where public money is involved. This will be completed in November and will suggest the amount of rental costs associated with using the hospital site. We can then assess the feasibility.

At the same time we also discussed the type of lease that we would be signing up to and the service charges relating to the revenue costs e.g. Cleaning costs, estates maintenance, rates, utilities, water and sewage, waste disposal to name a few. Once the rental figures and the service charges have been agreed we can discuss the mobilisation process, a timeline of works required to be completed prior to moving in.

Providing the financials are sorted we would like to think that we would be in situ midway through 2021. A further meeting to progress this has been agreed for the beginning of December.

We appreciate and understand the frustrations this situation is causing our patients, along with our staff, and we are grateful for the ongoing support we have to strive to achieve the best possible healthcare for our patients.

21st September 2020

The Partners at the Mayfield Medical Centre, have over the past two years, been in discussion/negotiation with the Torbay and South Devon Foundation Trust (TSDFT) regarding the possibility of co-locating primary care services on the Brixham Hospital site. The Partners suggested a range of solutions to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and TSDFT which could have enabled a swift move to the Hospital site.

The Partners are urgently seeking clarity regarding the Trusts' position regarding these plans and have requested assistance from Mandy Seymour, Associate Director of Primary Care recently to help get some answers.

Mayfield intervened at short notice to prevent the total collapse of St Luke's Medical Centre in April 2018 on the understanding that they would be able to move the whole practice to the hospital site within 6 months. In 2019 we took over the full contract and the responsibility for the running of the practice on the understanding the move would be happening imminently.

The act of moving our full operation to the hospital has now been in the offering for over 2 years and we appear to be no closer to this happening. The Partners remain committed to the patients of Brixham and are completely frustrated by the delay.

During COVID the premises have been temporarily closed and the Brixham patients have been redirected to use the other Mayfield sites in Paignton over the past 6 months, with housebound or vulnerable patients being supported by our well-equipped home visiting team. The Practice has adapted and evolved during the COVID period and it is even more evident that the St Luke's building on New Road, Brixham is not going to be suitable in the short or longer term to meet the needs of patients in the context of COVID.

It is also increasingly evident that the St Luke's building is not fit for purpose in the longer term irrespective of COVID and we have asked the TSDFT to communicate their decisions by the end of September 2020. We want to know the time frame for the move to happen or even if it will happen at all, to enable us to plan for the future.

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