

Mayfield Medical Centres, New Road Site /Brixham Hospital – 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.

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.