

WELCOME TO THE CLEVEDON NEWSLETTER

Good News!!!

North Somerset Council has approved the outline planning application to build a new Community Hospital on the former Kwik Save site in the Millcross area of Clevedon. This site has recently been purchased by NHS North Somerset.

NHS North Somerset hopes that the people of North Somerset will welcome this news having been supportive of the chosen site. Whilst there is still a long way to go, it is a key achievement and brings a new hospital one step closer.

Our Immediate Next Steps

Work has already commenced on the next phase, this includes preparation and submission of a detailed Business Case, which will outline the detailed design of the building together with the proposed services and facilities which will be provided at the new hospital.

It is proposed to increase the number of inpatient beds from 18 to 24 in the new two-storey hospital and there are plans to include a therapy garden, various diagnostic services including x-ray, outpatients' clinics and a purpose built minor injuries unit. There will be over 100 parking spaces to accommodate patients, staff and visitors. Space will also be allocated for a mobile breast scanning unit.

There is still a significant amount of work to be done in this phase of the project and further consultations with stakeholders are planned for the coming months.

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Site works have now commenced and in accordance with Health and Safety regulations, hoarding has been erected around the site to secure it and ensure public safety. It has also been necessary to divert the footpath, which previously crossed the middle of the site. The footpath now follows the perimeter of the site.

Detailed ground investigations and site surveys are currently underway.

Working Together

NHS North Somerset understand that there may be concerns about disturbance and noise levels during the building development and we are keen to work with the community, in particular the residents living in close proximity to ensure that the work programme is developed to keep disruption and inconvenience to a minimum. Further newsletters will be issued over the coming months to keep everybody informed of the progress throughout each phase of the development.

Details of the public events will be included within the newsletters and will also be posted on our website at [www.northsomerset.nhs.uk/Clevedon Hospital Redevelopment](http://www.northsomerset.nhs.uk/Clevedon_Hospital_Redevelopment). If in the meantime you have any concerns or questions please contact us either via email to clevedon@nsomerset-pct.nhs.uk or by telephone on 01275 546770 (a message will be taken and responded to within 1 working day).

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