

NHS North Somerset has received news that capital funds have been approved to progress the development of a new community hospital for Clevedon.

This approval will mean NHS North Somerset can proceed with the purchase of a site and move one step closer to developing a new community hospital in Clevedon, in line with the ambition for the people of North Somerset. This is good news that will enable the purchase of land for the new hospital and to obtain planning permission for the building.



Specialist Advisors in property and planning matters, Alder King have been appointed and are currently working closely with the PCT, to evaluate the sites and make recommendations. David Kent Architects has

also been appointed and are looking at the feasibility of the sites on offer to ensure they meet the design criteria.

The five sites under consideration at the moment are:

- **Millcross**
- **Clevedon Hall**
- **Clevedon Business Park**
- **Northern Way**
- **Clerical Medical**

Whilst this is a big step forward that shows commitment to our project it is only the next step and a lot of work will still be necessary to secure funding to build the hospital.

A Stakeholder Event was held on Monday 11th November where we discussed these options with stakeholders and representatives of local people and this will help in the final discussions on the site. Our current assessment of these site options shows that certain sites appear more advantageous than others but we are continuing to negotiate with all five parties.

Plans are in place to secure a site before March 2010 and then, subject to formal approval of the full business case, the hospital will be delivered.

Regular newsletters will be posted to the website as and when more news regarding the progress of the Clevedon Hospital development becomes available.

Contact the PCT with your views at clevedon@nsomerset-pct.nhs.uk or call 01275 546895.