



Health & Social Care Moray

Keith and East Locality Project

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Introduction

This newsletter gives an update on the Keith & East Locality Project that is planning for a purpose-built centre in Keith that can offer patients access to a wide range of more joined-up health and social care services brought together under one roof for the first time.

It is part of a Moray-wide programme of work to plan, design and deliver health and care services fit for the future.

What is the project about?

Space in the existing Keith Health Centre is restricted and limits how services can be developed to meet current and future needs. The GPs, practice staff, Patient Participation Group and the community have campaigned for many years for new premises.



The project is about much more than the replacement and modernisation of the existing facilities. It is an opportunity to explore the potential for additional services that could be delivered from a new health “village” in Keith for the benefit of the wider locality.

Health & Social Care Moray is working with NHS Grampian - which owns the current premises - and all those with an interest (our stakeholders) to take forward the project.

What stage is the project at?

The first stage of the Scottish Government’s business case process towards getting the funding needed is the approval of an Initial Agreement (IA). This document must set out the case for change and the need for investment in facilities.

What has happened so far?

A Project Board and Working Group have been set up to gather the information required for the Initial Agreement. A broad range of stakeholders including GPs, patients, members of the community, the Third Sector and staff involved in health and care services are represented.

We are engaging more widely to gather information and explore options for change. People have been involved in meetings, surveys, focus groups and workshops to share their experiences, views and ideas that are influencing the direction of the project and contributing to the Initial Agreement document.

Where would a new centre be built?

This exciting project is an opportunity to design a modern building that offers

an improved environment and better experience for visitors and staff.

The preferred site for the new centre is on part of a large area at Banff Road, behind the Keith Sports and Community Centre. A travel plan, supported by the findings of a travel survey, will look at the ways people will get to and from the site.

What services could the new centre provide?

The existing services provided by the GPs and practice team at Keith Health Centre would transfer to the new centre. There would be treatment rooms, community clinics, reception, admin and office space for services that work in the community. There could also be space/rooms for community use.

Keith has the potential to become a key centre for more specialist diagnostic and treatment services. This would reduce pressure on services based at Dr Gray's Hospital in Elgin and at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary and cut travel time/costs for patients.

To make services more accessible and efficient public services delivered by others bodies such as Moray Council and Police Scotland could be provided from the same building.

What would happen to the community hospital?

Turner Memorial Hospital is next door to the health centre. There are 19 community hospital beds for patients who are unable to be cared for at home but who don't have a medical

need to be in an acute hospital like Dr Gray's.

Work is continuing with stakeholders to look at ways to meet the needs of this group of patients.

What are the next steps and timescales?

The Initial Agreement must propose a 'preferred way forward' that delivers on the project's objectives. There will be full consultation on this in the spring.

The final document is expected to be submitted to the Scottish Government in the summer.

How can I find out more?

Visit our website www.hscmoray.co.uk and see the Keith & East Locality Project section to read more about the work undertaken so far and to keep up to date with the latest developments.

Further newsletters will be issued as the project continues. This newsletter is available in other formats on request.

If you have any questions about the project or would like to request a presentation/talk for your organisation or group, please contact us.

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