

Greenock Health & Care Centre News

New £20.79million state of the art integrated Health & Care Centre a step closer as plans given green light



We are delighted to report that the Inverclyde Council Planning Committee has approved the plans for a new Health and Care Centre in Greenock (6th June 2018). This represents a £20.79m investment to replace the existing health centre with a new integrated centre at Wellington Street, Greenock.

The plans support the provision of high quality services which will help improve the health and lives of the people of Inverclyde. The new Health and Care Centre is scheduled to open in 2020. Over the coming months we will be keeping you up to date with building development at the site.

We will also be bringing you information on the services we plan to provide in the new Health and Care Centre. These include: Four GP Practices, Community Dental, Podiatry, Physiotherapy, Sexual Health Clinics, Treatment Rooms, District Nursing, Health Visiting, School Nursing, Rehabilitation, Homecare Teams, CAMHS, Speech

and Language Therapy, Out-patient Clinics, Outreach Acute Clinics, Continence Clinics, Community Psychiatric Nursing, Community Mental Health Teams and Diabetes Nurse Led Clinics.

We are looking forward to sharing with you on how the building will look inside and out over the coming months.

Why do we need a new Health Centre?

Greenock is the largest town within Inverclyde, and like much of the West of Scotland, is characterised by persistent socio-economic deprivation and poor health outcomes. The development of the Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) builds on established joint working that was fostered under the previous CHCP arrangements, but the new HSCP also affords an opportunity for us to take stock of progress to date and our priorities for the future. Over the past four years work has been ongoing to take stock of health and social care services with a view to improving outcomes and mitigating the health inequalities that stubbornly exist, through service reconfiguration.

The current facilities at Greenock Health and Care Centre are of poor quality and are seen as unwelcoming. Staff tell us that the current building is not able to accommodate the new ways of working afforded by multidisciplinary team approaches, in terms of layout, spatial relationships and general fabric. We also know that patients attending Greenock Health and Care Centre will often be expected to attend other locations to access services that are part of their overall care package or approach. If patients choose not to attend another location, then their treatment plan is at risk of being compromised. If we are to make a real difference to improving lives in Greenock and Inverclyde, we need to radically re-think our approach to how we organise and deliver health and social care services in a way that maximises our impact, nurtures and supports self-management, makes the patient journey as straightforward as possible, and recognises carers and third sector contributors as equal partners. We also need to ensure that we refine our relationship with Acute Sector services in ways that optimise effectiveness and efficiency, and support care and treatment being delivered from primary care settings whenever appropriate. This is in the best interests of patients and staff alike.

Keeping you informed

As we go forward we will be updating you with information about travelling to and from appointments.

We will be getting regular updates on passenger transport systems to keep you informed on what buses, trains and cycle routes are available along with car parking facilities.

We will also be speaking to staff and patients to find out their thoughts on our new Care Centre.

You Said

Ok if you stay near

Hope they're going to have regular bus service

Do hope the parking is suitable

Parking will be a problem

Staff will be told not to bring their cars and get public transport

Not practical at all. How are old folk supposed to get up the hill

Another flat roof

More health centres!

That will cost us in council tax

Probably private

Hopefully get appointment quicker

Hope they get enough GPs to staff it.

Accommodate 4 GP practices!! Where are the others going

The whole health centre idea is a step back from the good old days when the Drs practice was local

There was a pharmacy in the plans too

Plenty of disused wards in I.R.H. they could have worked something out there. All services at hand. Easily accessible and less than it costs to have a new build

Out of hours services Do you think they will take the chance to move this to RAH like they have been doing some nights and weekends so far?