



ALTON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Presentation to Alton Town Council Community Committee 15/9/21

Two representatives from Southern Health Care Trust attended to share plans for inpatient services. They were Becky Housley, Area Matron and Craig Rees, Head of Operations.

Their news was positive. The Trust has got agreement and finance for the reopening of the upstairs ward for 'hospital discharges and Community support'. This will include patients being moved on from General Hospitals and admissions from local GPs for short term care. Also End of Life care.

A budget of £4.6million has been set aside; of this £1.6m is for building costs and £3m annually for running costs. Their target timetable is for first admissions to take place in the Autumn and for the full twenty beds to be available by the Spring 2022. Medical cover will be provided by Petersfield GPs (as with existing beds). Staff recruitment has already started. (This seems a worthy but very ambitious target given the capital sum involved and the existing competition for healthcare staff.)

Occupants of the offices that have been using the ward space upstairs will be re-housed; nonclinical personnel offsite, clinical care workers elsewhere in the building.

The question of the Outpatient and other services provided by North Hampshire Hospitals Trust remains unanswered; they have not responded to requests to share their future plans for Alton.

Charles Kaye

Attending the Alton Town Council Committee Meeting as a representative of Alton & District Residents' Associations, of which Amery Hill Residents' Association is a member.

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