

Community Newsletter – Autumn 2016

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The Background

Velindre NHS Trust, our Local Health Boards and voluntary sector partners, are all working together to transform the way in which cancer services are delivered across South East Wales with a number of very simple but important aims; to reduce the incidence of cancer and improve the quality of life and survival rates of people with cancer. As part of this work, we are looking to improve the services that we provide and to improve the facilities that the services are provided from. This includes the development of a range of cancer facilities within local communities and a new cancer centre in Whitchurch which will deliver the highly complex specialist treatment.

We've been asked by Welsh Government to develop a series of business cases which set out where we are now, where we need to be and how we will get there. These will be considered by the Welsh Government in 2017 and if approved, will enable investment to be made in a number of areas. These include the development of the cancer facilities within local communities and the new cancer centre in Whitchurch.

“We, together with our Local Health Board partners, are pleased to have the opportunity to develop our thinking in such an important area of health and healthcare for the people of Wales. We need the ideas and assistance of the people we serve in identifying the improvements we need to make, and also in developing the replacement for the existing Velindre Cancer Centre” said Carl James, Programme Director.



Current situation in developing the new Velindre Cancer Centre in Whitchurch

Our initial work has identified that one of the best sites for the new Velindre Cancer Centre is on a site to the north of the Whitchurch Hospital site (known as the northern meadows).

We are currently discussions with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to transfer land from them into the ownership of Velindre NHS Trust to the north of the Whitchurch Hospital site.

This would see us transferring land we own, including the site

of the current Velindre Cancer Centre, to Cardiff and Vale University Health Board. Before this can occur, we need to undertake work on the site to provide us with assurance that it is the correct one.

We have recently started some preliminary ground exploration work on the site, and you may see some activity if you walk in the meadow.

This stage of the work is due to be completed by the end of October. We will then undertake remedial work on the site to return it to its previous state.

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Engagement Meeting

In September we welcomed stakeholders to the TCS offices to take part in a Location Workshop. The session was facilitated by an independent planning consultancy called the Urbanists.

Among the attendees we welcomed Julie Morgan AM, a number of local residents, a representative from Friends of Forest Farm, former and current patients of the hospital, members from Cardiff City Council and Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan Community Health Council, and many more.

Many issues around the site were discussed. There will be another meeting in late November.

The evening highly informative for us at TCS as we continue to place a huge focus on our stakeholders opinions and priorities as we develop our plans for Transforming Cancer Services across South East Wales over the next few years.

Community meeting

October 20th 2016

We held our third community meeting of 2016 this month. Around 50 local residents attended and saw our latest projections for the site.

We were able to report the start of positive initial discussions with Asda, who are listening to our request to run an access route past the supermarket and into the site.

We were also able to reassure residents on the Hollybush Estate that an emergency exit and access to what will become the bottom end of the Cancer Centre site will only be used in emergencies, not as an everyday route in.

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