

The case for expanding GP services at Stoke Road surgery

Following the meeting on 26.07.12. the following key points were made:

1. Patient demand is increasing with 630 new homes in 2013 being built and 1000 new homes now have planning approval. (Homelands 2 and Cleevelands). This will generate approx. 1600 new patients next year and say 2500-3000 more by 2015.
2. Both existing surgeries are “full” with Stoke Rd. at nearly 10,000 patients and 5000 estimated at Greyholme.
3. Stoke Rd. has very good medical reputation but some shortcomings with patient access (currently being addressed) and buildings/facilities.
4. The Stoke Road site is well placed in the heart of Bishop’s Cleeve to serve the existing population and patients from the new housing developments who will travel to the centre of BC for shops and other facilities.
5. There is sufficient land on the site to expand, reconfigure, and refurbish the existing surgery, with some new build, whilst retaining the pharmacy and some other services currently using the site. A scheme has already been drawn-up for the proposed new development and this has the support of both the Practice and the other landlord on the site.
6. There is strong patient PPG support for this approach and commitment from the Partners. It would also seem to offer a low risk/least cost/fastest option for the PCT to cope with the increased demand that is already building.
7. Bishop’s Cleeve Parish Council is anxious to understand how GP provision will be expanded to cope with the new homes.
8. The Practice can move quickly to provide increased GP resources for the influx of new patients in 2013 and early subsequent demand from the Homelands/Cleevelands developments where houses are likely to be completed before the new medical facility is opened.

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