

## **Teignmouth engagement - Summary of issues/questions raised in correspondence**

### **Primary care**

- Suggest a new GP practice be established in the town and leave existing practices where they are
- Support for GPs coming together
- Suggestion that GPs should move to the hospital
- Dawlish experience suggests a system of spread out GPs offices with a central area for tests etc more useful
- Do not support GPs co-locating if not in Teignmouth (East Cliff and hospital site not considered to be in Teignmouth)
- Concerns over losing doctors and lack of continuity

### **A new building**

- Better to extend the existing hospital to accommodate GPs
- Belief that a new health and wellbeing centre would be more costly than extending/adapting existing hospital
- Need to offset the cost of any loss of parking by any new development
- Brunswick street best location for a new centre – concern over criteria used to identify sites
- Unsuitability of both East cliff and Hospital sites due to location, access and parking
- Teignmouth council say East Cliff not an option – why are we suggesting it is
- Main concern is around parking/transport. Current level of parking at hospital is unacceptable.
- The new site needs to be on a flat so as to be accessible to all.
- Economics need to be considered too as not all can afford public transport, some can only walk/cycle etc. Needs to be accessible and central for this.
- Support for new building on Eastcliff Carpark as site flatter, easier access and bus service 80/81) could stop outside

### **The hospital/beds/theatres**

- Support use of Teignmouth Hospital as a group base. The clinic has ample consulting rooms although the waiting area is small. I'm sure that the site is the best for all the other requirements such as Podiatry, Physiotherapy etc
- More hospitals needed not less to cope with growing population
- Better to spend any capital budget extending and improving hospital rather than on a new building
- Bed shortages nationally as seen on TV show beds are needed in Teignmouth
- Belief beds needed to support larger hospitals
- The beds for convalescence of patients to free up beds for surgical needs in Torbay and Exeter and also play an important part for respite for carers.
- Concerned about the loss of the theatre at Teignmouth Hospital, and that quality and output of work will fall if the unit closes.
- Adverse impact of moving surgery to Torbay

- Cost of the Physio suite and waste if knocked down
- Concern over wasted LoF investment if hospital closes
- Rehabilitation and out patients best at local hospital, not where you have to travel
- Current hospital is not at the end of its useful life
- Closing hospital would have an adverse impact on patients – further delays in operations
- Without hospital, lack of a location for rehab and end of life care that is suitable - care homes in the area are not up to standard.
- Belief that insufficient care in the home or in care homes for the sick and elderly exists

### **Other**

- Insufficient notice given of drop in events
- Accusation of the questionnaire being biased
- Lack of Trust of CCG due to not implanting all aspects of the last consultation
- Simply a cost cutting exercise - concern that ideas are about realising a value asset ie the hospital site
- Inadequate time given to care at home. Staff only present for short period. No good for elderly people living on their own
- Pressure on staff too great, especially in Torbay
- Capacity of other sites to take services moved from Teignmouth
- Travel from Teignmouth to other hospitals difficult if no car
- Need for minor injuries unit to be restored
- Incorporation of a police office in Dawlish hospital
- Service specification for the out-patient musculoskeletal physiotherapy service which currently runs out of Teignmouth Hospital.

### **Requests/questions**

- Various for information, links to documents on website, copies of paper questionnaire
- Financial breakdown of running and maintenance costs
- Details of the services/organisations provided in the non-hospital buildings on the site
- Proof on why beds not needed
- Outline the functions/composition of health and wellbeing team
- Space requirements, evaluation process, amount of parking required
- Site evaluation report
  - List the 12 sites identified as possible locations for the new building
- Future of MSK services
- Details of discussions with local councils on site availability and planning
- Why Dawlish involved
- What is the impact of closing theatre on Torbay and RD&E Hospitals, their ability to cope and the impact on waiting lists.
- Are we serious about closing the hospital