

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL – UPPER MEON VALLEY WARD

Parish update for January 2024

Go Greener Faster Grant Clinic

Last month we highlighted several grant sources for various types of projects and one of which was the Go GreenerFaster Grant scheme available from Winchester.

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants-for-not-for-profit-organisations/go-greener-faster-grant>

The Sustainability Team are holding an Advice Clinic on the Go Greener Faster Grants to advise and assist applicants. Please follow the link below for further details about the event.

[Go Greener Faster Grant: Advice Clinic Tickets, Wed 17 Jan 2024 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Contact Anna Wyse, Sustainability Manager, via email awyse@winchester.gov.uk or phone 01962 848 538.

Modernising our Hospitals and Health Services Programme Team

Just before Christmas the public consultation about how between £700 million and £900 million should be invested in hospital services to transform healthcare for communities across Hampshire.

The NHS are asking people to tell them what they think about the plans put forward to build a new hospital, invest in Winchester hospital, and proposals for future services.

The proposals – in a nutshell

- Building a brand-new hospital on the current Basingstoke hospital site or near Junction 7 of the M3 for specialist and emergency care, such as strokes, heart attacks, trauma (treating life and limb threatening injuries), emergency surgery, obstetrician-led maternity care, and separate children's emergency department.
- Significantly investing in the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester which would focus on planned operations and procedures and provide a 24/7 doctor-led urgent treatment centre that would see and treat around 60% of the patients who currently go to Winchester A&E, same day emergency care services, and midwife-led birthing unit.
- Continuing to deliver day-to-day hospital services such as outpatients, diagnostics, and therapy services from both the main hospital sites.

More detail is available at the following website, www.hampshiretogether.nhs.uk

Get involved and have your say

Clearly the proposals are more complex than a few, perhaps over-simplistic, headlines might suggest. They will also likely have an effect on other NHS facilities used by people in the UMV Ward, particularly if some of the 'blue light' load is taken by Queen Alexandra Hospital in Cosham. It's therefore important to understand the full implications of the proposals, beyond the headlines and soundbites, and the wider effect on NHS services in our part of rural Hampshire. There are several opportunities to have your say:

So far, they have held three in person listening events, in Winchester, Andover, and Alton, and an online event.

There are many more in person and online events planned throughout January and February 2024, and details are on the website along with a consultation questionnaire for people's feedback, as well as other ways that they can get in touch to share their views: by email at hiowicb-hsi.mohhs@nhs.net, by calling 0300 561 0905, or by writing to Freepost HAMPSHIRE TOGETHER.

They are also keen to come to talk to community groups about the proposals, either in person or virtually – please do contact them if this is of interest.

As you know, with these proposals, we have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to improve hospital facilities and hospital services for our local community. It is important we have our say and express clearly the different needs that a rural community, such as ours may have, within Hampshire.

Kind Regards

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