FUTURE SURGERY PLANS
UPDATE!

Public Exhibition of Plans
We are excited to announce that the proposed designs for a new Health and Community Centre on Waterloo Road in Radstock will be unveiled at a public exhibition next month. We are partnering with Bath and North East Somerset Council and Westfield and Radstock Big Local on this exciting project. We are inviting all patients and residents to drop in to the event to view the plans, ask questions and provide feedback.

DATE: THURSDAY 2nd MARCH
TIME: 4pm—7.30 pm
VENUE: RADSTOCK LIBRARY

Below is a copy of our press release for you which went out recently:

Plans unveiled for new GP surgery and library in Radstock

Designs for a new health and community development on Waterloo Road in Radstock will be unveiled at a public exhibition on 2nd March 2017.

The new centre is set to include a GP surgery, pharmacy, library, health visitors, children’s centre and community kitchen.

The innovative project is being led by Hope House Surgery and Bath & North East Somerset Council to provide a more joined up service for the residents of Radstock and the surrounding area. Big Local Radstock and Westfield will also provide space within the building for local community groups and services to help people improve their health and wellbeing.

A planning application is due to be submitted to the Council by the end of March and it is hoped that building work can begin before the end of the year.

Funding for the project has been secured from NHS England in response to a funding request by Bath and North East Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group. Additional funding is being provided from the Council’s capital programme and Big Local.

Dr Alison Humphrey, a GP Partner at Hope House Surgery, said: “Our patients are always asking us when the practice will be moving to new premises so I’m sure they will share our excitement about this new facility for Radstock. Working with the Council and Big Local means we can bring a wide range of public services all together in the centre of Radstock. It will be much easier for local people to access all the services that can help them to manage their health better and it will help us to tackle some of the health inequalities in our community.”

Cllr Vic Pritchard (Conservative, Chew Valley North), Bath & North East Somerset Council’s Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing, said: “This is an exciting and innovative local project and we welcome the support from external funding to help deliver much-needed local facilities. The children’s centre and library, together with the other health facilities under one roof, offers an excellent opportunity to integrate services. It also enables all the services to be modernised and fits well with our modern libraries approach.”

Robin Moss, Chair of Radstock & Westfield Big Local, said: “It’s very good news that there will be a new health centre – offering much-needed investment in a growing community. I’m pleased that the team at Hope House Surgery are looking at how they can encourage healthy living as part of their plans. Big Local look forward to working with them on their exciting and innovative ideas. Radstock and Westfield Big Local have identified a clear need for a proactive and positive focus on good health and wellbeing for all in our community. By working together with stakeholders we believe that the proposed community space and kitchen will quickly become a hub that local people can be a part of and shape the services they want. Together we can make the most of this amazing opportunity.”

Simon Allen, a member of the Patient Participation Group at Hope House Surgery said: "This is fantastic news for Radstock and our villages. From Clandown to Tynings, from Haydon to Writhlington, we’ve all known for some time that the current surgery is no longer suitable to meet the needs of our community. The new health centre will be able to offer us so much more and the sooner we get on with it the better."

Further information about the project can be found at www.hopehousesurgery.nhs.uk or by contacting the practice at bsscg.hopehouse@nhs.net or 01761 432121.

The public exhibition will take place from 4pm to 7.30pm on 2nd March 2017 at Radstock Library, The Street, Radstock, BA3 3PR.
**PATIENT INFORMATION ABOUT BLOOD TESTS**

Good news! Following a change in national guidance over cholesterol testing **patients no longer have to fast prior to having routine blood tests** at the surgery. Please eat and drink and take medication as you would usually. If you have been asked to have a blood test following a visit to a clinician then you will be informed whether to eat or not. It is quite acceptable to drink water prior to any blood test.

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**TWO NEW SERVICES AT YOUR SURGERY!**

We are very pleased to tell you we have two new services for our patients here at the surgery.

- **A Respiratory Pharmacist, Maxine Wan,** will be holding clinics for the next 6 months on a Tuesday afternoon to see some of our asthma and COPD patients and do medication reviews. These appointments will be offered to patients instead of seeing one of the nurses in the practice.

- **We also have a counterweight group.** Our popular counterweight appointments will now be offered in a group setting by our colleagues from the healthy lifestyle service at Sirona. This will also be here at your surgery on a Tuesday. Please speak to you doctor or nurse if you feel this might be of interest to you.

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**Normal Surgery Opening Hours**

- **Doors open:**
  - Monday to Friday: 08.00am to 6.00pm.
  - **Plus, extended hours opening:** 7.30am–8:00am Wed and Friday

- **Telephone lines open:**
  - Monday to Friday: 8:00am to 6:00pm
  - **Automated appointment booking 24hrs**

  For urgent advice call 01761 432121
  or if the surgery is CLOSED call Out Of Hours on 111

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**Hope House Team Spotlight Corner**

Unfortunately Dr Julian Cumpsty is currently still on sick leave but we are very pleased to welcome Dr Katherine Asplin to our team and to have her help. Dr Asplin will be working as a salaried GP with us for a year and has written the following:-

*My name is Dr Katherine Asplin and I am delighted to have recently joined the Hope House Team. I am a local girl having grown up on a farm in Kilmersdon. I completed my medical training, as a second degree, having previously worked as Practice Manager at Chilcompton Surgery for many years. I completed my medical training in Plymouth and Exeter and then worked as a Junior Doctor and GP Trainee in the Bath area. I look forward to meeting you all over the coming months.*

**Dr Katherine Asplin**

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**Do you need a helping hand?**

**My Script**

This is a free and confidential social prescribing service to which you can self-refer. “My Script” is for anyone who would like support to reduce the impact of social, emotional or practical issues on their health and well being. My Script staff will listen to your needs and connect you with services and organisations which can help with the issues that may be affecting your health. These could be financial or emotional worries, debt, social isolation, housing, leisure activities or managing a long term health condition. Our GPs have been referring patients to this service for a while but now you can self refer. Please collect a leaflet and self referral form from the waiting room or ask at reception. Alternatively you can ring them directly on 01225 310077.

My Script can offer to see patients here at the Surgery or at a convenient venue near where you live.

**Talking Therapies “Working It Out”**

This is another service patients can self refer to for help through difficult periods in your life. You can contact the directly on 01225 675150. Their team can see our patients here at the surgery.

**Wellbeing College**

A local Wellbeing College has been set up to bring together organisations across B&NES to provide people with the opportunity to manage their own health and wellbeing. Courses are free! Please ring 01225 831820, see the posters in our waiting room for courses offered or visit their Website on www.wellbeingcollegebanes.co.uk

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