

Launceston Medical Centre Patient Participation Group (PPG)

Launceston Medical Centre Expansion – Update

NHS England has formally confirmed that it will grant funding towards elements of the extension to Launceston Medical Centre. Preliminary work is now in hand and it is anticipated that actual work will start on site in April and take between 12-14 months.

The centre first submitted a detailed business case to the NHS for an expansion to the surgery premises back in July 2013 and there followed years of frustration for staff and patients at the medical centre as NHS rules and guidelines changed meaning that the medical centre had to rework and re-submit its plans and bids many times.

The funding will enable the surgery to forge ahead with its plans to expand to create more space and increase the range of services it can provide.

The proposed two-storey extension will be built to the rear of the current building on a plot of land which the centre has purchased between it and Launceston Hospital. The new work will also involve some alterations to the existing building.

When complete it will provide ten more consulting rooms (including training facilities for GP registrars), a bigger waiting room, a new entrance to the dispensary and a staff training/meeting room. There will also be more space created to allow staff from across health and care, such as social workers, district nurses and members of the voluntary sector to work together as one team, under one roof, to improve people's care.

There will be a new parking area alongside the new wing and the approach to the medical centre will become one-way with the exit road using the hospital approach road.

The new build will not affect the running of the surgery and disruption to people who use and work at the surgery will be kept to a minimum.

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