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Vision for new Richmondshire care campus moves forward

The vision for a brand new integrated care facility in Richmondshire is closer to reality after progress in developing the business case moves forward.

NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has been working very closely with Ministry of Defence (MOD) partners to start developing a proposal for a brand new joint care facility for the Richmondshire population which will be located in the Catterick area.

Dr Mark Hodgson, local GP and CCG Governing Body member said:

“This joint NHS and MOD project aims to enhance the current GP services in the Richmond area by developing an integrated health and wellbeing service and facility to serve both the military and civilian populations across the wider Richmondshire area. This means creating a unique partnership between the NHS and MOD so that the whole population, armed forces and civilian, experience access to high quality services in the most efficient way.

“It’s an exciting opportunity to take the initiative to do something which has not been done before and to complement existing services. Our mission is to create a ‘first-in-the world’ health and care campus by 2022.”

Maj Gen Paul Cain, Director for Healthcare Delivery for MODs Joint Medical Group said: “There is already a large military population in Richmondshire which includes soldiers and their families alongside existing residents and those moving into the area. Many additional service personnel and their families will also be rebased onto the Catterick Garrison site in the next 10 years. It is therefore essential that there is adequate provision of local services to meet the demand – and that includes healthcare and social care services.

“The work we are taking forward in collaboration with NHS is a critical part of the plan and will ensure that everybody, whether in the military or from the local community gets the best possible care in modern facilities.”

The CCG and MOD have met regularly to look at the health and social care needs of the current population as well the needs of potential future residents – both serving and non-serving personnel. These discussions have been informed by public health data and conversations made with the wider population since 2013.

The CCG is working closely with other health and social care partners, the voluntary sector and public representatives from across Richmondshire who will help to drive the programme and inform initial proposals.

If you, or someone you know are interested in more regular updates or in getting involved in this project from a patient, resident or voluntary sector representative perspective, please email hrwccg.feedback@nhs.net or write to HRW CCG Comms, Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton DL6 2UU.

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