



New Premises Development Frequently Asked Questions

1. What do you need new premises for?

Our current premises are too small and not fit for purpose especially with regards to legislation requirement ie Disability Discrimination Act compliance.

2. Are you closing the other town surgeries or Steeple Claydon?

We would need to move the majority of services into the new facility so we can work more efficiently and make the best use of the space and the current plan is to keep Steeple Claydon open as usual. We will review the use of our town premises and consult with our Patient Participation Group and the wider public to see what will be best.

3. When will this be built?

Planning has only just started and so we hope this could be functional by late 2019 early 2020.

4. Will this affect the community hospital?

We want to integrate as many services as possible to make this a health hub in Buckingham and there may be an opportunity to bring some of the services provided at the hospital to the health hub and nearby nursing home.

5. Are you getting more doctors?

Our patient numbers are continually growing and the doctor to patient ratio is constantly monitored and increased depending on growth. Each full time doctor needs growth of around 2300 patients. Therefore we currently have enough GPs for our current population of 30,000 patients.

6. Will patients have to travel further?

Many patients drive to the various sites in town and Steeple Claydon, this site is less than 1 mile from these sites and so we don't feel there is a big difference in distance to travel.

7. Can we park there?

There will be far more availability for parking – the current plan is for more than 80 spaces.

8. How much public money is this costing?

This development is being privately funded by The Swan and Montpelier the developer.

9. Why is it so big?

We want to be able to provide far more services that link in with primary care. This could include hospital consultants working here as opposed to the hospital, our district nurses and community staff working closer with us. More in the way of physio services, X-ray and scanning facilities. We also are planning some Out-of-Hours care and working better with social care colleagues.

This will have a positive effect on our patients by reducing a lot of the travel and parking fees to Milton Keynes, Oxford and Aylesbury etc. We may not be able to provide all services but we hope to provide much more care here in Buckingham.

10. Why will this have a dialysis unit attached?

This is an initiative which will provide care for patients closer to home as opposed to having to travel to Oxford.

11. What else is on this development?

There will be a new state of the art nursing home next door, a Costa Coffee drive through, Lidl, and a public house / restaurant, and hotel.