

## FOI\_1438\_2023-24 – FOI Request Bitterne Health Centre

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***I have received a letter from NHS Solent which states they are proposing to close the Bitterne Health Centre special dental clinic and move it to Woodley Road in Woolston.***

- 1. If they do leave Bitterne Health centre, what will the spare rooms be used for? Is it intended to use it for more office space, as they have done on the upper floor?**  
An exercise to engage around the potential relocation of our Solent NHS Trust's Specialist Dental Service is ongoing. There are currently no approved plans as to which clinical services will occupy this space should the outcome of this engagement support the relocation of Special Dental clinic from Bitterne Health Centre. However, it is the intention that clinical services will continue to be delivered from this space.
- 2. It is a health centre that was built with the intention of improving the health of the people of that area. What health services can currently be accessed in that building? And are Solent NHS proposing to make further changes to services offered?**  
The following services can be accessed at Bitterne Health Centre

### Solent NHS Trust:

Cardiac  
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)  
Podiatry  
Bladder and Bowel  
Stoma  
Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC)  
Multiple Sclerosis Nurse  
Epilepsy Nurse  
Admiral Nursing  
Contraception and Sexual Health  
Special Care Dental  
Physio  
Flu Clinic for staff  
Vaccination clinic – paediatrics Weekend  
District Nursing  
Community Independence Service (CIS)

### University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust:

Antenatal  
Midwifery  
Home Oxygen  
Newborn Hearing  
Ultrasound  
Heart Failure

### Dorset HealthCare:

Steps to wellbeing

Other organisations:

Specsavers – Hearing

Solent NHS Trust, alongside other healthcare providers regularly review service delivery across the NHS estate to ensure healthcare services are accessible to meet the needs of the local population.

Any future changes to the service being delivered from Bitterne Health Centre will not result in the reduction to the current clinical space available.