

FOI_1478_2023-24 – FOI Request Bitterne Health Centre

At that consultation meeting it was stated that the Joint Health and Overview Committee at Hampshire County Council has approved the proposal to close the Special Care Dental Service at Bitterne Health Centre and the Royal South Hants and merge them at Woolston Health Centre. I have the various minutes of their meetings going back to the beginning of the year but cannot find the meeting which approves this proposal.

- 1. Can you please supply me with the date of the meeting in which the proposal was passed? Or, a link to the actual meeting, in order that I might peruse the minutes.**

In the presentation the Specialist Dental Service advised that the proposal will be taken to the Hampshire Health and Scrutiny Committee for their consideration. The date of the Committee this will be presented to is still to be confirmed.

- 2. At the consultation meeting on the 4th December I was told I would be emailed with a list of all of the questions that were asked at the meeting, presumably with the response to those questions by your representatives. I have not yet received this. ndhoare@openu.plus.com**

The service is currently reviewing all the questions raised and will be responding in due course to everyone that raised queries during the consultation.

- 3. Instead of making the upper floor of Bitterne Health Centre office space, why wasn't the (large) space considered for the new dental practice?**

This space needs to be retained for non-patient facing tasks, to support the delivery of the clinical services being delivered from Bitterne Health Centre. The Trust is unable to relocate this space within the NHS estate without impacting on the current services operating from Bitterne Health Centre.

- 4. At the consultation meeting held on the 4th December at Bitterne Health Centre, your representative said Solent NHS do not own the building. If Solent NHS do not own Bitterne Health Centre who does?**

Solent NHS Trust does own Bitterne Health Centre.