

What NHS Northamptonshire (Northamptonshire Provider Services) have told us about dentist and podiatry services

The Consultation

In October 2008, Deborah Manger from the Dentist Service wrote to 46 organisations to tell people that the dentist service at Princess Marina Hospital would need to move. Deborah asked people to tell her what they thought about visiting a dentist in different areas or towns. We have a list of all of the people who got the letter and we have told NHS Northamptonshire that the list is a bit out of date

Deborah had 2 emails from people and 3 telephone calls after this letter went out and she answered these people.

Deborah has said she is sorry that the Partnership Board was not one of the groups who got the letter.

Where the services will be in the future.

Dentists

The dentist services that used to be at Princess Marina will be at

Danetre Hospital, Daventry,

St Giles Dental Clinic, Northampton and

Dental Access Centre, Northampton

There will not be lots of appointments at the Dental Access centre as this is mainly for emergencies.

Deborah has looked at car parking at all 3 places.

Danetre Hospital has an area outside the main doors where people can be dropped off or picked up but their cars must be parked in the main car park.

St Giles Dental Clinic has an area outside the main doors where people can be dropped off or picked up and there are parking spaces close by to the clinic where people with a “blue badge” can park for up to 3 hours

Dental Access Centre is on St Leonards Road in Northampton. There are parking spaces close by to the clinic where people with a “blue badge” can park for up to 3 hours

Deborah has also looked at the access at all of the places. She has said that she doesn't think there will be any problems as there have been no reports of problems from people who use wheelchairs. Deborah has said that if there are problems in the future, Northamptonshire Provider Services will look at if any changes or alterations to the buildings will be needed.

Deborah has said that the services at the new buildings will be the same as those that used to be at Princess Marina Hospital and there should be some things that are better.

Things that will be better are that there will be more appointments and better support as there will be more than one dentist at each place.

Podiatry

Breda Avil from the Podiatry Service has given us this information. The podiatry services will be at

Danetre Hospital, Daventry,

St James Clinic, 116 St James Road, Northampton

Kingsthorpe Health Centre, Welford Road, Northampton

Camp Hill Clinic, Hunsbury Hill Road, Northampton

Breda has looked at car parking at all 4 places.

Danetre Hospital has an area outside the main doors where people can be dropped off or picked up but their cars must be parked in the main car park.

St James Clinic has no parking for disabled people and does not have very many parking spaces at all

Kingsthorpe Health Centre has one parking space for a “blue badge” holder but no other parking

Camp Hill Clinic has two spaces for blue badge holders

What will happen next?

All of the people who have been to the dentist at Princess Marina in the past 2 years will get a letter by the end of October. The letter will tell them where the new services will be and the contact arrangements. The letter will also tell people about services in other parts of the county that they could go to like Corby and Wellingborough and people will be able to choose where they would like to go.

Deborah has said that if the Partnership Board has any other ideas about how she can let people know what is happening, she would like to hear them.

Also, NHS Northamptonshire have said that if anybody has problems with parking at any of the services in the future, can they please tell the service who will look into whether they can do anything to help.

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