



New Premises Development

Frequently Asked Questions

This set of questions has been developed to help answer any queries arising from patients, the public or local press. Please refer any enquirers to The Swan Practice generic email address via the contact us area on the website if they would like additional information or are asking questions not covered in this document.

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 i.e. DDA 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 we hope 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. Is there going to be a surgery in the library?

We do have agreement via One Public Estate Partnerships to work with Bucks County Council on their plans for the Verney Close Area, and the library building or The Centre. This work is all linked and The Swan are working with BCC on this developing idea.

4. When will this be built?

Planning has only just been agreed and yet the financial agreement for long term rent with the CCG had not as yet been agreed and we will not start building until this is done. The build time is 2 years and so we currently will be looking at opening in 2021 if all the financial information is agreed in 2019.

5. Will this affect the community hospital?

We want to integrate as many services as possible to make this a health and social care centre in Buckingham and there may be an opportunity to bring some of the services provided at the hospital to the centre and nearby nursing home. We are working closely with Buckinghamshire Healthcare trust and the hospital League of Friends.



6. Are you getting more doctors?

Our patient numbers are continually growing and the doctor to patient ratio is 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.

7. 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 the town sites and so we don't feel there is a big difference in distance to travel.

8. Can we park there?

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

9. How much public money is this costing?

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

10. 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, X-Ray and scanning facilities. We also are planning Out of Hours care and working better with social care colleagues.

11. 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.

12. 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, a public house/restaurant, and hotel.

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