



**GREATER BRISLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP  
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**RECOMMENDATIONS – to note and discuss the updates and dates for diaries on the following:**

- 1. NP City Wide Event – 3<sup>rd</sup> Event**
- 2. Parks, Green Spaces and Play Areas Freelance Fundraiser**
- 3. Brooklea Health Centre - Petition**

## **1. NP City Wide Event**

You are all invited to the next city-wide Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on:

Wednesday 20th July 2016 at  
Central Library  
6.30-8.30pm.

There will be a discussion about the parks investment programme, to celebrate the work of the Neighbourhood Partnerships towards delivering their Neighbourhood Partnership plans and to discuss the City-Wide Neighbourhood Priorities, which are Community Resources, Hate Crime & Cohesion, Employment, Environment, Health, Highways and Transport, Parks and Young People.

The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to nominate attendees and decide if they want a 15 min slot to share key pieces of work linked to the NP plan or any of the City-Wide priorities please contact [hayley.ash@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:hayley.ash@bristol.gov.uk)

## **2. Parks, Green Spaces and Play Areas Freelance Fundraiser**

The NP area has a number of parks, green spaces and play areas across the two wards.

Local communities have been working hard to improve the facilities and accessibility to these spaces with the support of the Neighbourhood Partnership.

It has been recognised that there is a need for additional support; hence it was proposed at the last NP meeting in March 2016 to support a proposal to commission a fundraising consultant who would assist in help in completing funding applications.

As such please find attached a DRAFT brief for discussion and agreement, (appendix 13a) and a map of the green spaces (appendix 13b)

The Neighbourhood Committee is further asked to allocate up to £10,000 from the Neighbourhood Budget to commission a consultant, with the view that the consultant would assist the Neighbourhood Partnership and local park groups such as Friends of Eastwood Farm and others to fundraise to both match fund against already identified funds or raise new funds.

### **3. Brooklea Health Centre – Petition**

When people say Brooklea Health Centre, the first thing that is mentioned is the poor parking facilities. Well, the leadership teams at Birchwood and Nightingale Valley Practices think about parking *and patient care, too!*

There is an expected increase in patients of around 7000 people in the next 5 years to Brooklea.

Both practices know we are not always able to provide an appointment when you want it and we do our best to help, but we thought it would be a good idea to let you know what we have been trying to do to improve services for you. The practices have great relationships which means we can work together to make things better for patients.

#### **What's been happening?**

For more than 5 years we have submitted bids to the various bodies (PCT/NHS England) for funding to purchase the land at Brooklea and develop a health centre to meet the needs of the community. Our last 2 bids were successful but they have never born any actual fruit. We have submitted another bid this year to the Bristol Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) with a full business case as to why the people of Brislington deserve this and how without a new health centre the existing building will not be able to support the growing patient list sizes.

To put it bluntly, there are a fixed number of rooms in Brooklea and they are all full with clinical staff seeing patients. There are no more rooms to put doctors and nurses or any of the other highly beneficial services we could offer patients. As we get busier with more people, the time it takes for you to get an appointment will increase. If we had more room we could put more services locally and get more clinical support staff to see patients reducing the time it takes to see a GP routinely.

***Our joint mission is to deliver excellent patient care with access to hospital led services within the community which our current building cannot support but which our proposal would deliver upon now; and for the future for our community in line with the NHS 5 year plan & GP Forward View.***

The documentation for our bid is quite extensive but here are a few things we have requested funding for:

- A new 2/3 storey building at the front of the site and more parking to the rear.
- A building with improved facilities that improves accessibility to all patients; especially our disabled, frail, elderly patients
- Capacity for hospital teams to work with GPs in the community reducing the need for patients to attend hospital
- Providing a large room that we can offer the use to the local community in the form of social prescribing to support our elderly, vulnerable patients and to reduce the risk of hospital admission.
- Developing a community hub for the locality which would include providing facilities for the use of the community in the form of social prescribing to support our elderly, vulnerable patients

Naturally, should the latest bid be successful we would fully engage our patient populations to tell us what they need but we do need your help as every practice in Bristol will be wanting additional funding.

### **What can you do to help?**

The only way we can stand out is by getting our communities behind our submission and telling the Bristol CCG the benefits of investing in for patient care in Brislington.

### **How can you do this?**

Contact the Bristol CCG and tell them why you think Birchwood & Nightingale Valley practices are the best place to receive care. Their email address is [contactus@bristolccg.nhs.uk](mailto:contactus@bristolccg.nhs.uk) or sign the petitions which will be in Brooklea and hopefully in other locations across Brislington.

There is also an online petition which can be found on the following web link: <http://www.birchwoodbristol.nhs.uk/news,28774.htm>