

The Stokes Medical Centre - Press Release - 14th Jan 2009

The Stokes Medical and Diagnostic Centre has submitted plans to South Gloucestershire Council for extended premises to provide a new combination of front line services for patients. This will mean patients do not have to go to hospital for many types of treatment. This development intends to bring an integrated team of dentists, audiologists, opticians, pharmacists and physiotherapists together on one site to work closely with both the family doctor and visiting specialists so that they can all provide an extended range of services not normally offered by them individually.

The Stokes Medical and Diagnostic Centre will be able to combine walk-in and urgent care services for people with minor injuries and ailments, alongside planned chronic disease management services for patients with diabetes, heart disease and other long term conditions. The plans include access to a range of diagnostic investigations such as x-rays and ultrasound. The centre will also provide a base for extended hours GP care for both acute and chronic conditions.

The centre will primarily serve patients of the practice in Little Stoke, Bradley Stoke, Patchway and Stoke Gifford but will also provide additional services to practices in Severnvale and beyond from this development on the existing site in Braydon Avenue, Little Stoke.

The new medical centre should provide diagnostic services including x-ray, ultrasound, urology and ENT investigations, as well as specialist support for care of long term conditions that the Government want to see made available in the community to reduce hospital referrals and follow ups. The multi-function consulting rooms will enable community based health and social care workers to provide care and health promotion in a local, purpose built setting.

The Stokes Medical and Diagnostic Centre will be a unique multifunction clinic hosting a wide range of diagnostic and treatment services for many different health needs. Services will be delivered by specialists whether that is an optometrist for glaucoma screening, a nurse specialist for chronic suppurative otitis media, a consultant urologist for a one stop assessment of haematuria or GPs for extended-hours consultations.

Dr Simon Bradley says "Just 4 minutes drive or a kilometre walk from Bradley Stoke Town Centre our plans are a much needed opportunity for local families to have access to the purpose built medical and diagnostic centre that was previously intended for the town centre but which was never built"

The Stokes Medical Centre is an NHS General Medical Practice serving the people of Bradley Stoke, Little Stoke, Patchway and Stoke Gifford in contract with South Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust. A teaching, training and research practice The Stokes Medical Centre offers a high quality service that has been recognised nationally in receiving the prestigious QPA (Quality Practice Award) from the Royal College of General Practitioners.