

Healthcare In the Alcester area

Alcester Town Council January 2008





The Department Of Health Vision 2003

Stated

“The focal point is being able to ***work with local people and communities*** to meet local needs. Developing an ***integrated range of modern services*** at the ***heart of the community***”

DoH 2003



Choosing Health (2004) States

There are some Key Principles

- Health Promotion
- Healthy Lifestyle
- Providing information and practical support to get people motivated
- Improving Emotional Wellbeing
- Access to services so that 'Healthy Choices' are easier to make



Delivering Choosing Health (2005) States

Primary Care Trusts will work with Local Authorities in:

- Creating safer and stronger communities;
- Improving the quality of life of older people and children, young people and families at risk;
- Promoting healthier communities and narrowing health inequalities;
- Promoting the economic viability of localities and getting people back into work;



Our Health, Our Care, Our Say (2006) States

There are Four Main Goals:

- Better prevention services with earlier intervention
- More Choice and a louder voice
- More on tackling inequalities and improving access to Community Services
- More Support for people with long term needs

Our Health, Our Care, Our Say (2006) States

They will be achieved by:

- Practice based commissioning
- Shifting resources into prevention
- More care undertaken outside hospitals and in the home
- Better joining up of services at the local level
- Encouraging Innovation
- Allowing different providers to compete for services



Our NHS Our Future (2007) States

Our vision is an NHS that is:

- Fair
- Personalised
- Effective
- Safe
- Locally Accountable

Where are we today in Alcester?

- **Alcester Hospital** – Servicing over 40,000 people from the Arden area
- **Two General Practitioner Surgeries, Priory Road & Arrow Lodge**
 - Priory Road Surgery, which is owned by the PCT, is inadequate as a surgery, affected by flooding and with no space for any further development – minimising services that could be provided locally.
 - Arrow Lodge, which was developed from a private dwelling, with no room for expansion.
- **Four sheltered housing complexes**, with further schemes planned.
- **An Ageing population** with 22.9% of Alcester residents aged over 60 years.
- **Longer life expectancy** but with more incidents of illness or disease.
- **No Access to a NHS dentist facility or Opticians.**
- **No Ambulances Stationed in Alcester.**
- **2 Pharmacies, High Street and Hopkins Precinct.**



Where is Alcester Hospital today?

A Twenty Four bed hospital

providing in-patient care on 2 segregated 'Nightingale' wards (male and female areas) for adults over 18 years of age and currently having an experienced team providing the following services:

- Admission Prevention
- Rehabilitation
- Palliative Care
- Day Hospital Facilities
- Out Patient Facilities
- A Place of Learning

Where is Alcester Hospital today?

- **The Team**, consists of experienced Nursing Staff, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists and a Rehabilitation Assistant. Additional Support comes local GP's who provide medical cover, and a designated social worker. Support services can be supplied from other allied health professionals if necessary.
- **Admission Prevention**, the first of the three bed streams, is for preventing admission into Acute Hospitals of patients where there has been a sudden/short term medical or nursing need, and admission will avert a health crisis.
- **Rehabilitation**, the second bed stream, is for patients who have been assessed by any of the multidisciplinary team and a need for 24 hours environment with a nursing input has been identified.
- **Palliative Care**, The third bed stream, is where 'End of Life Care' has been identified as the primary need for the patient.

Referrals for all three streams are taken from a variety of agents:

- **Acute Hospitals**
- **GP's**
- **Clinicians**

Where is Alcester Hospital today?

- Alcester Day Hospital

Provides rehabilitation and nursing care for patients living in the local communities.

A multidisciplinary team which aims to monitor health and promote independence so patients can reach their optimum potential. This includes assessment, therapeutic activities, diagnostic tests and liaising with local agencies.

- Out Patient Facilities include;

Physiotherapy, Psychology, Psychiatry, Counselling, Continence Advisor, Antenatal/Post-natal, Parentcraft, Chiropody, Community Dental Department, Special Care Dental Service, Retinal Eye Screening (Diabetic), Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Speech and Language Therapy.

- A Place of Learning

Placements for Warwick University Medical Students with Clinical Tutors.

Student Nurses from Coventry University.

Work Experience Students from local High Schools, Sixth Forms and Colleges.



Who Uses Alcester Hospital?

- Patients who have been admitted to Alcester Hospital recently have come from the following areas:
 - Alcester
 - Bidford on Avon and Broom
 - Earlswood
 - Great Alne
 - Hampton Magna, Henley in Arden and Honeybourne
 - Kenilworth
 - Leamington and Lighthorne Heath
 - Pebworth
 - Salford Priors, Sambourne, and Studley
 - Tanworth In Arden
 - Welford on Avon, Whitnash, Wixford and Warwick



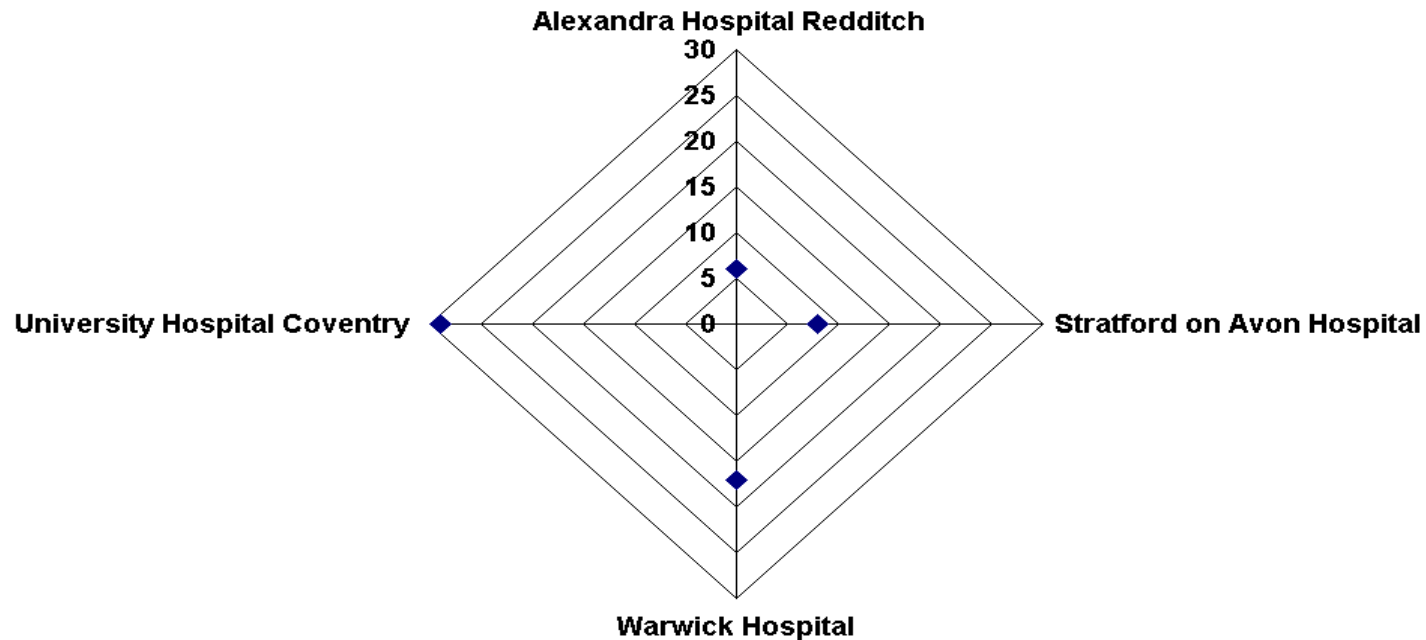
Community Transport Scheme

Alcester Town Council supports reducing Carbon Emissions, however through necessity supports the Community Transport Scheme which:

- **Covers 380 square miles**, one of the largest in the country
- **Has 230 volunteer drivers** working at any one time
- **Is Organised by 35 volunteers** working in Alcester, Shipston, Southam and Stratford Upon Avon
- **Carrying 25,000 passengers** during a the year
- **Helping people with a genuine need** get to hospital appointments, doctors, dentist surgeries, opticians and day centres.

Area Covered By Alcester Volunteers

- The distances covered most frequently by Alcester Volunteer drivers



Alcester Hospital League Of Friends

- Alcester Hospital has a very active League of Friends and since 2000 has provided capital equipment exceeding £18,500, for the purchase of:

- Hoist, Dinamap Monitor, Leg Ulcer Unit, Syringe Driver, Thermature 500 Pulsed Shortwave unit for Physiotherapy department, Beds, Special Mattresses, Pressure Pillows, Recliner Chair, Trolley, Special Scales, Stem Cleaner, Wipeclean Chart Holders and Clip Boards, Waterproof Wipedown Bed Covers.

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- Additionally:
 - Mobile phones for District Nurses, Radios, TV Set, Sewing Machine, Toys for Health Visiting in Studley, Alcester and Bidford, Day Hospital Activity Equipment, Donation to Day Hospital Shop, Transport for Day Patient Outings, Christmas and Easter gifts to patients.
- Agreement to purchase a further special mattress and a special shower chair costing £6000.
- The High Bailiff and Court Leet also visit the hospital at Christmas and Easter giving a small gift to each patient.

What about the future in our area?

- The **life expectancy** within the Stratford Upon Avon district **has increased** by two years for women and three years for men over the past ten years.
- With a quarter of the population within the Alcester area over 60 years of age **the drain on NHS resources can only increase.**
- The Primary Care Trust Key Care Objective regarding the provision for Healthcare for older people is to “**Develop the concept of a timely place of safety 24/7** within an appropriate alternative to secondary care without impact on the demand for urgent care services.”
- The Service Delivery **Objective is to provide** this **care** within 45 minutes of the Patients home.
- **Closing** or not rebuilding the hospital **will increase the demand on** the surrounding **resources**, those resources primarily being Acute Hospitals....
- The need for more private/funded care, district nurses and general practitioners will need to be provided for patients as they will have to remain at home. Their hospital visits will potentially increase the need for volunteer drivers.



The Local Vision for the Alcester Area Includes

- New General Practitioner Surgeries.
- New overnight bed facility (based on the already granted planning permission).
- Access to an NHS Dentist
- Diagnostic Units
- Drug/Alcohol Clinic
- Specialist Clinics
- Dieticians
- Well men/women clinics
- Emergency Response – the Emergency Services advise the present Alcester Hospital site as the best option to be used for evacuation in an emergency such as floods.

What is the Warks NHS Timetable now?

- Strategy approval at January 30th Warks NHS PCT Board Meeting
- Proposals for Alcester from January 30th Warks NHS PCT Board Meeting
- Followed by a Consultation Period of 12 weeks ending 25th April, before the final decision.
- A Decision on Alcester Hospital May 2008
- Building Completion end 2009

What is Alcester Town Council doing?

- We are keeping pressure on Warks NHS PCT to make positive decisions?
- We are providing leadership to form a united front – Alcester Task Force.
- We are engaging with the PCT and the local community to keep people informed.
- We are looking at all the options available.
- We are arranging consultations with the community in line with the PCT programme.