

Opening date set for new Farnborough Centre for Health

Despite the challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic, the new Farnborough Centre for Health is set to open next month.

The new centre, which will welcome patients from Monday 19 October, is a joint project between the council and NHS North East Hampshire and Farnham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Councillor Martin Tennant, our Cabinet member for major projects and property, said: "We are very proud to be involved in this exciting development which will provide a light, bright and modern space very much needed for the future of primary and community care in Farnborough."

GPs and other health services will be able to support local people in a new way and help residents to manage their own health more effectively. The services the new centre hosts will benefit all of Farnborough, including new housing developments.

GP practice Voyager Family Health is moving into the building in Apollo Rise,



Southwood, along with the Farnborough Integrated Care Team, Community Nursing Team, Farnborough Midwifery Team and talking therapies service TalkPlus.

There are facilities for parents and children and alterations to suit people with physical disabilities – including wider corridors, automatic doors, ramps, a lowered reception desk and a hoist.

Dr Glen Micklethwaite, of Voyager Family Health, said: "This is a great step forward for local healthcare services. This centre will make our job of delivering a quality



service to our patients so much easier, while the other services based here will provide support to the whole community in a more joined-up way."

Dr Steven Clarke, Clinical Lead for the CCG said: "Having a dedicated health facility for Farnborough with capacity to accommodate new residents moving into the area has been a priority for the CCG for some time, so we're delighted that we're now at that point. To achieve this during a global pandemic is remarkable and I want to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make this happen."

Parking permits go virtual

We've introduced a new virtual parking permits system, giving residents and businesses more flexibility over how they use their permits.

If you need a permit to park because you live in a residents' parking area, or

to use one of our car parks regularly, our new permits system is now fully online.

We have also introduced new permits for healthcare professionals or carers who have to visit residents regularly in local permit areas.

Once you've registered for an account, you can manage, renew and pay for your parking permits online, when it suits you. You can even change the registration

number on your permit through your account, and if you live in a residents' parking area, buy parking vouchers for your visitors.

As it's a virtual system, you no longer need to display a permit in your vehicle – instead the information is uploaded to our civil enforcement officers' devices in real-time so they can see quickly that a vehicle is covered by a parking permit.

Find out more about the different permits and how to set up an account on our website: www.rushmoor.gov.uk/parkingpermits

Committee timetable

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