

MORETONHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL, 7 APRIL 2026

HOSPITAL WORKING GROUP UPDATE

This paper provides an update from the Hospital Working Group.

Since the last update to the council in February, Rt Hon Sir Mel Stride MP, has been making arrangements for a follow up meeting with senior representatives of NHS ICB Devon (Mat Chetwynd, ICS Director of Estates) and NHS Property Service (James Page, Relationship Partner). This meeting will take place in early June.

The Working Group received an offer of help from the owner of a consultancy based in Exeter and owned locally, Global City Futures. The company specialise in sustainable development and reducing social inequality. They are working pro-bono, to prepare a business case for the transfer and use of the hospital in the community. The working group plans to use the business case in discussion with the NHS in June, and will be meeting at the end of April to review the draft plan.

We have not had a response from Dartmoor National Park Authority to the parish council's request for them to designate the hospital building as part of the conservation area. The clerk has requested an update on progress and will make DNPA aware of the planned meeting in early June.

Recommendations

Councillors are asked to note this update.

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For Further Information

<https://moretonhampstead-pc.gov.uk/news/meeting-with-sir-mel-stride-mp-on-the-future-of-moretonhampstead-community-hospital/>

<https://moretonhampstead-pc.gov.uk/news/parish-council-welcomes-investigation-into-hospitals-history/>

<https://moretonhampstead-pc.gov.uk/news/residents-engage-on-the-future-of-moretonhampstead-hospital/>