

GP RELOCATION PROJECT

The GP relocation project in Dunoon, what is it?

The project will see the move of Church Street Surgery and Cowal & Bute Medical Practice (Argyll Street site), to a new, fit for purpose, shared and disability compliant building at the Cowal Community Hospital site.

The Scottish Government have awarded us £2.9 million for the project and the HSCP have also pledged a further £1 million for hospital & service investments.

This does mean that we will need to move some of the existing services within the Community Services Building, to a new, purpose built, environmentally friendly and future proofed accommodation, within the hospital and surrounding area.

We have personally worked with staff that are affected, by holding whole system active conversations, listening to the needs of the service and clients, which has helped us design their new bespoke areas.

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Medical Services Contract

To ensure the sustainability of Cowal Community Hospital, we are working with our procurement team to make a new contract, for a single medical service arrangement.

The contract will incorporate all medical services in the area:

- All doctoring requirements at the hospital
- GP provision
- Forensic Medical Examiner provision
- Out of Hours cover

Because, of the single medical service arrangement, the hospital will be able to make substantial yearly savings, increase the size of skill sets, have specialised GP training, and encourage greater recruitment and retention to the area.

The project team are working with all 3 of the GPs in the town and other current providers of these services. The timeline for the construction work will drive the date for the contract award and the commencement of services from the site.