



East Leicestershire and Rutland
Clinical Commissioning Group

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CCG secures funding for hospital development in Market Harborough

East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group (ELR CCG) has successfully secured the funding needed to develop hospital services in Market Harborough.

The CCG, which will be responsible for commissioning or 'buying' local healthcare from April 2013, announced in September that it was committed to plans to build a new outpatient unit.

The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland PCT Cluster Board has approved the use of transformational funding for the development. This is money that the Department of Health instructs PCTs to spend on one-off schemes that contribute to delivering better patient care. Transformational funding is not available every year however it is available in 2012/13.

Dr Dave Briggs, chairman of the ELR CCG, said: "This is really good news for the people of Market Harborough.

"We promised them three months ago that we were committed to improving healthcare services in the town and we have now secured the funding to provide a new-build development on the existing St Luke's Hospital site where services from the district hospital can be provided in modern healthcare facilities.

"The money for this project has come from funding which is only provided for one-off health schemes, this means money provided for local healthcare and patient care as part of our annual plan will not be affected by this development."

The new out-patient unit will see improved services for patients and significant benefits to local healthcare, with the provision of a variety of services on one site in the town. ELR CCG will be making further announcements in the future as the plans progress.

Picture caption: Dr Dave Briggs, chairman of East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group

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Dr Dave Briggs will be available for interview on Tuesday 13 December from 2-5pm. Please contact senior media officer Caroline Higgs on 0116 295 7663 or caroline.higgs@lcr.nhs.uk or media officer Liz Thomas on 0116 295 7677 or liz.thomas@leicestercity.nhs.uk for more information.

Notes to editor:

East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group (ELR CCG) was formed earlier this year as part of the changes proposed to the NHS under the Health and Social Care Bill. Clinical Commissioning Groups were formerly known as GP consortia. The ELR CCG represents 33 GP practices across Market Harborough, Rutland, Melton and surrounding areas.