

Supporting Statement for Planning Application for Balmore Park Surgery

The partners of Balmore Park Surgery are planning a small extension to the current premises utilising an existing meeting room to create 3 further treatment rooms and a meeting room. The improvements to the surgery will have a significant and positive influence on the care that they can give to our patients for the following reasons

- We have seen a significant increase in our patient list. We are currently limited in the numbers of doctors we can recruit because of a limit on the number of consulting rooms that we have which means that each GP has a higher than the national average list. An extra 3 consulting rooms means we can recruit more doctors to accommodate this increase in numbers
- We are a training practise and one of our GP's is training to be a further GP trainer. Extra room means that we can take on 2 GP trainees a year instead of just one which will go some way to supporting the current acute shortage of GPs.
- We also intend to use the rooms to enable more integrated care to take place in a community setting. We currently have successful clinics with a visiting psychiatrist and endocrinologist. As a result, the health of our diabetic patients has shown significant improvement. We intend to work with community geriatricians to hold clinics in the surgery to try to prevent hospital admissions of the elderly. We also have plans to extend our palliative care service by offering local clinics
- We also have plans to extend our respiratory care planning which is constrained by the number of rooms that we have available to see patients in. These are patients that have a high rate of hospital admission and working with them to monitor more closely in the community will help to reduce admission rates

As you can see the addition of three consulting rooms and a small extension to the building will have a significantly positive effect on the care that we can give to our patients.

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