

## Christmas 2018

The children of the Bream Road Primary School singing Christmas Carols for the staff and patients.



Once again, Father Christmas visits Lydney & District Hospital, bearing gifts from the Friends!



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## NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019



### Future for Healthcare

We were surprised and disappointed after the Health Boards decision to accept, without question, the recommendation of the Citizen's Jury that the eventual replacement for the two existing hospitals should be placed at an unspecified site in Cinderford.

However, there is a long way to go until a new Hospital is built – the site has to be found, purchase negotiated, planning permission obtained, plans drawn up and the facility commissioned – many years.....

In the meantime.....

...we are working in two main areas:-

1. To maintain existing services until new provisions are made.
2. To develop a new 'Health Hub' for the ever-growing population in the south of the Forest.

We have had meetings with MP Mark Harper, Lydney Town Council, and other local partners, as well as Health Authorities and providers.

The Town council have put formal questions to the County Council Scrutiny Committee which we hope will draw the attention to the huge gap in health care that is going to emerge in the ever-increasing population in the south of the forest.

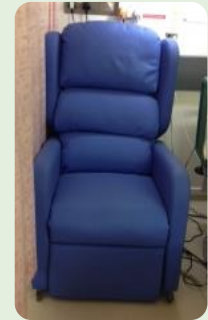
Mark Harper will be following our call to ensure that existing services remain until any future health provision is actually commissioned and running. We do not want local services to be stopped with the promise that they will be restored in the future, as this is so often does not happen.

Our objective would be to have an integrated health centre in the South Forest which would include an urgent care centre, diagnostics, outpatients appointments, x ray facilities, the services from local GP's and other related bodies, together with social care and mental health facilities – in other words a complete health 'one stop shop' (healthcare and wellbeing centre)

(Ideally this should indicate a positive platform for community-based services and can serve the role as a hub for integrated health and social care).

## Recent equipment purchased by the Friends:

2 TV Stands (£200 each) 1 TV (£200)	£600.00
Items for in-patient physio	£76.69
2 Rectangular Flip Top Tables	£459.60
Motomed Physio Equipment	£4,880.00
X-ray Machine	£121,100.00
Dementia Tablet & Accessories	£5,495.00
2 x Attendant Wheelchairs	£282.90
Caterpillar Wall Panel	£177.59
Buddy Compact Day Bed	£774.00
Riser Recliner Chair	£1,308.30
Softform Premier Mattress	£482.50
TV and Repairs	£499.00



Riser Recliner Chair



Attendant Wheelchair

### In addition, each year:

Daily newspapers are provided for inpatients

A small gift is given to long-serving members of staff upon their retirement

Christmas gift are given to staff and patients

The Friends maintain the gardens in front of the hospital