Happy New Year and welcome to the fifth issue of the Bicester Hospital and Community Services Project Newsletter. Through this newsletter we hope to keep all local people and interested groups and organisations updated on the progress of the project. You can expect another update in March 2009.

Project takes a big step forward

The project to redevelop Bicester Hospital has taken a significant step forward with the placing of an advert to seek expressions of interest from potential developers.

The advert has been placed this month (January) in a number of specialist magazines and on websites to attract interest from developers to submit plans.

The next step will be to evaluate the responses from potential bidders and make sure they have the right qualifications to undertake the work. This will then lead on to a formal submission of tenders for the work.

Alan Webb, Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust’s (PCT) Director of Commissioning, said: “We are very pleased that we have taken such a big step in moving plans forward to develop Bicester Hospital. The PCT is very committed to this project and will continue to work with the Community Forum and the people of Bicester to ensure its success.”

The advert which is now in the press

Ambitious about improving the health and wellbeing of local people
**Key dates**

**January 2009**: Advert placed in specialist press to seek expressions of interest in working on the re-development.

**February – December 2009**: Expressions of interest are evaluated and discussions with bidders take place. Final tenders should be submitted by bidders.

**January – February 2010**: Evaluation of tenders takes place and a paper is presented to the PCT Board with a proposal to award the contract.

**Summer 2010**: Building work should start on site.

**Please see next edition of the newsletter for any updates**

In the meantime, services in and around Bicester Hospital will continue as usual with staff looking forward to a time, in the not too distant future, when their services can be provided from modern, up to date buildings in Bicester.

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