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Plans to develop a new £12 million Primary Care Centre on the site of the former Alfred Barrow School in Barrow have been submitted.

It will mean a number of organisations will be working together from one central base.

- 3 GP practices will operate from the site. They will move from Abbey Road Surgery, Atkinson Health Centre and Risedale Surgery.
- A response base for NWAS
- Cumbria CCG
- Community Services (e.g. Community and specialist nursing, mental health, physiotherapy, podiatry, diabetes, retinal screening)
- Integrated Children's Services
- A pharmacy
- Occupational Health services for BAE Systems
- Space for third sector organisations

The centre is being developed through Community Health Partnerships (CHP) Public Private Partnership LIFT Programme, led by eLIFT Cumbria.

Barrow GP Geoff Joliffe, who is also the clinical chairman of NHS Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "Developing this new centre will make a real difference for patients here in Barrow. It'll put our health services in a well-designed and accessible centre allowing services to grow and develop in the future."

The design will retain the listed building but will also see the development of modern facilities.

Eugene Prinsloo, Developments Director at CHP said: "CHP is committed to supporting the development of cost effective, high quality primary and community facilities that serve the needs of local communities and contribute towards improving people's health and wellbeing. We look forward to working with partners to see the vision of this new Primary Care Centre become a reality."

There will be an exhibition at Forum 28 on Friday 15th January 2016 between 2pm-6pm where people will be able to view the designs, followed by an open day at the Alfred Barrow School on Saturday 16th January 2016 between 10am-3pm for former pupils and anyone else who may be interested.

Dr Joliffe added: "We are really aware of the building's history and we have plans to create the opportunity to become a 'Friend' of the project so people who want to be involved will be informed about the development as it progresses."

Providing more services in the community is a vital part of the Better Care Together strategy, with organisations integrating to provide more services closer to home. The Alfred Barrow Centre will be a working example of this.

The centre is expected to bring 5,000 metres² of modern 'fit for purpose' buildings into the community, replacing old, inefficient facilities. Completion is expected in Autumn 2017.

The planning application has been submitted to Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council and will be considered in the New Year.





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