

We need your ideas!

The Trustees would love to hear from any member of the community about any ideas where we could provide additional support and assistance.

Similarly, if you would like to discuss an idea or have any questions, you can email the Trust at trust@minchinhampton.org

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Minchinhampton Surgery Charitable Trust



Background

Since 1948, the people of Minchinhampton have been well-served by the local GP services provided by the NHS. During this time, the staff at Minchinhampton Surgery have sought to provide the best possible care for the whole patient population in and around Minchinhampton.

In the 1980s, Dr Chris Booth identified that there were specific needs for the increasingly elderly population. He inspired a group of volunteers to found Horsfall house - which now provides a range of residential, home care and day centre services available to the community. At the same time, others established Longfield Community Hospice to cater for the needs of those suffering from a life limiting illness.

Despite increasing demands from the local population, both go from strength to strength and provide much needed additional support to the community.

Why was the Trust set up?

Minchinhampton Surgery has been very fortunate in receiving donations and bequests in recent years – and to put the money to good use, the Charitable Trust was set up in 2008.

The volunteer Trustees and are made up of patients and GPs – and have put in considerable thought, consultation and planning to decide how best to use these donations to provide additional services and support to patients, beyond what the NHS can provide. There are regular Trust meetings and there is a registered Trust Deed available on request.

We are in a period where many health conditions and problems affecting patients are the result of a combination of lifestyle choices and because people are living longer. The Trust aims to support people to make better choices in their lives, giving them the practical help they need to make changes.

What the Trust does

Building on the foundation of the core NHS services, the Trust seeks to make available additional services to the townspeople and patients of Minchinhampton Surgery drawing together a range of existing services with innovative new ideas, such as:

- Acupuncture
- Youth and adult counselling
- Contributing to pastoral care at Minchinhampton School
- YUGO exercise classes
- Extend Class for the over-60s

All of the activities take place locally using existing facilities within Minchinhampton, such as the Hub for Extend Classes. Minchinhampton Surgery itself hosts the acupuncture and counselling sessions for patients.