

Pilot Project during Temporary Closure of Community Hospital

The Community Hospital, Bishop's Castle was closed at the end of July for essential repair work. It is estimated that the closure will be about 12 weeks.

During this period most of the hospital staff are working as a “Home First Nursing Team,” visiting patients at home . This pilot project will support patients at home and help prevent unnecessary admission to the acute hospitals.

Some patients may be able to leave acute hospitals earlier because of the extra local-based support from GPs and the nursing team. In the meantime, any patient requiring a community hospital bed will be cared for in another community hospital in the county.

BCPG are involved with evaluation of the project and are assisting with a survey to record the level of satisfaction of those patients involved.

The Community Hospital, Bishop's Castle will re-open in November.