

## Health Service Survey to discover current and potential usage of Okehampton hospital.



Okehampton Community Hospital still hosts over 40 clinics and specialisms, even though its wards and GP practice were closed in 2016. **But not enough people know that this facility is there for us.** At a time of great pressure on the NHS, we believe that Okehampton and its surrounding area should use this facility more.

This short survey will help us find out whether residents are

- Aware of the hospital.
- Use the hospital when applicable.
- Would use the hospital as an alternative to RDE/ Derriford, if possible.

The Community Hospital was built in 2004, (with £250,000 locally raised funds) and serves around 42,000 people who live within 15 miles of the town. Initially the Community Hospital had a state-of-the-art Maternity Unit with a Birthing Pool, a Physiotherapy Department, X Ray Unit, a Dialysis Unit, Podiatry, several other clinics including 24/7 MIU and over 30 inpatient beds in 2 wards. Over the years we have lost the wards and several of the services.

We want to improve health service provision in Okehampton and the surrounding area, which is getting less than its fair share of NHS Devon's resources. Therefore, we need to give hard evidence to the NHS of what is needed. So please answer the questions overleaf with the : QR Code



Or this Online survey: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/Ybk1mtqZy9>

Or if on the paper form, circle the chosen answer please

Completed forms to the box at Donald's Menswear Fore St. Okehampton

Thank you!

For the North Dartmoor Health Initiative

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This survey is by North Dartmoor Health Initiative which is a community pressure group which has the sole purpose of campaigning for better health provision in Okehampton and the surrounding area.

## **Health Services Questionnaire**

We ask for limited personal details to give evidence of the age and demographic profile of those who complete the form. The information will be completely anonymous, for collation purposes only.

One form per person please:

1. Your post code please to see where in West Devon you are and therefore the rough distance from RDE.
2. Your birth gender : Male: Female: Circle choice m / f
3. Age: please circle: Under 18: 18-65: 65+
4. Do you have the use of a car ? Yes no
5. Does the cost of getting to the RDE/Derriford severely affect your access to health provision? Yes  
no n/a
6. Are you suffering from any chronic medical conditions? Yes no
7. Are you a carer? Yes no
8. Are you registered with a GP practice? Yes no
9. Would you like more choice of GP Practice? Yes no
10. Would you consider joining a Medical Practice at Okehampton Hospital? Yes no
11. Are you registered with a dentist? Yes no
12. If so, circle one: NHS dentist? Private dentist?
13. How often do you go to the dentist? Circle one:  
Regular check-ups Regular hygienist Only for treatment In emergency only
14. Would you go more regularly if you could? Yes no
15. Are you aware of the clinics at Okehampton Hospital? Yes no
16. Have you used any of the clinics at Okehampton Hospital? Yes no
17. Have you had to travel to other hospitals or centres for clinics? Yes no
18. How do you get to your appointment? Circle one or more:  
Walk? Cycle? Bus? Own Car? Hospital transport ? Community Transport?
19. Should Okehampton Hospital be better utilised by the NHS? Yes no
20. Which of these services would you use if available and appropriate?  
Birthing Centre    Dialysis    Mental Health Adult    Mental Health Child  
Recuperation    Dentistry    24/7 MIU

**Thank you.** If you would like a copy of the final report, please email [NDHI2025@gmail.com](mailto:NDHI2025@gmail.com)