

Heathrow Medical Centre - Design and access statement

Single storey rear extension - Sep 2015

Use

To provide much needed additional consulting rooms for doctor, nurse and health professionals. To meet 80% increase in demand for services. We need to offer space for an additional doctor, nurse, minor surgery services, and social care. These services will enhance the quality of care to 6600 Hillingdon residents.

Background

General practices in Hillingdon are working to support the government in combining Health and social care. The strategy known as “shaping a healthier future” aims to deliver high quality care in an affordable way. One of the main cornerstones of this strategy is to deliver care in the community closer to the need of the patients. In order for this to happen, primary care premises urgently need investment and improvement in capacity.

Need

Heathrow Medical Centre first opened in 1996 and by 2000 it served a registered population of 3500 patients. In May 2015 we merged with another nearby practice to provide care from a single fit for purpose premises. It was recognised by NHS England that the need for merger was compelling and the expansion of Heathrow Medical Centre was both a feasible and the preferred solution. This was done to ensure the best opportunity for high quality care for a further 3000 local residents.

In the last 3 months we have seen an 80% increase in demand for our services. Many are elderly and vulnerable local residents who will benefit from the care and attention to detail we offer. We have the full support of the Hillingdon CCG, NHS England, our patient group and community services to expand our premises to the maximum possible floor space. The NHS Health technical manual requires all new clinical rooms to be a minimum of 16sqm and non-clinical to be 8sqm. We have therefore prepared a plan to meet this criteria while minimising the impact to the environment and others.

Amount

We require approx. 78 sqm of available unused garden space

Layout

See attached plans

Landscaping

The existing garden contains a small shed wooden shed and small grass area, there are no trees of significance. These will be replaced with brick built single storey extension. There are several existing nearby trees these will be retained and provide foliage cover.

Appearance

The extension will be built from materials in general keeping of the existing building. The extension will not be clearly visible from the street. The proposed extension will replace the existing boundary wall to maximise floor space with minimal impact to the appearance from neighbours.