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Dear all,

### **Thornbury Update**

I am writing to you to update you on the progress we have made to plan health services for Thornbury, as someone who has expressed an interest in being kept informed.

NHS South Gloucestershire has worked hard with local stakeholders to seek their views and ensure that stakeholders and members of the public have had an opportunity to comment on and influence the health services to be provided in the Thornbury locality. Following the Engagement that took place earlier this year on Thornbury, we met with public and patient representatives from a range of local organisations and communities on 17<sup>th</sup> August to hear what the group thought were the potential implications of the proposals for future health services for Thornbury. The feedback received at this meeting has been included within a report which we are presenting to the South Gloucestershire Health Scrutiny Select Committee at their next meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011. The Health Scrutiny Select Committee meetings are open to the public. To view the full suite of documents and to find out further information about the Health Scrutiny Select meeting, please visit South Gloucestershire Council's website:

<http://council.southglos.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MId=5465&x=1&>

The report to the Health Scrutiny Select Committee sets out NHS South Gloucestershire's proposal to develop a health and social care complex on the existing Thornbury hospital site, which we believe will be a major benefit to local residents. The health and social care complex will deliver more outpatient clinics, therapy and diagnostic services, avoiding patients travelling to a major hospital. The proposals would also provide care for patients at home from NHS community staff and the development of extra care housing on the existing hospital site.

We plan to develop a nursing home on the site with beds that are paid for by the NHS and, therefore, free to patients. The main purpose of these NHS nursing home beds is to avoid admission to an acute hospital and provide care following hospital admission for patients who need it to recover sufficiently to return home.

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From 1 June 2011, NHS Bristol, NHS North Somerset and NHS South Gloucestershire have formed a primary care trust cluster. Each organisation continues to be a legal body.

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Patients in the NHS beds in the nursing home would receive support from the nursing home staff supplemented by NHS community teams and the intensive community support team. As a result of the joint working between the nursing home and the intensive community support team, patients would receive a level of nursing care that would be equivalent to that provided in a hospital setting.

NHS South Gloucestershire is committed to continuing to work with local patients and stakeholders to develop these plans further over the coming months.

If you would like to learn more and keep up to date with the Thornbury Project, please visit our website at: <http://www.sglos-pct.nhs.uk/thornbury.htm>

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Tappin', with a large flourish extending from the end. To the left of the signature are the initials 'PP'.

David Tappin  
**Director Strategic Development**