

Update on The Shields Centre Health and Social Care in East Pollokshields

Natural light, modern facilities and innovative design are the main features of the new Shields Centre, due for completion in October 2014. The building, which received planning approval in September, will deliver a range of health and care services from a single, purpose built location, replacing a number of existing facilities in the area. The building name was agreed following suggestions made by the local community and will be prominently displayed at the entrance to the building.



Entering the Shields Centre from McCulloch Street you will find yourself in a bright and airy reception area, flooded with natural light thanks to the double height glazed atrium. A large reception desk will be staffed during office hours to greet patients and visitors and direct them to the various services. Each GP practice will also have their own reception desk on the ground floor. The building is fully accessible and is designed to be responsive to the needs of all patients, visitors and staff, creating a calm and welcoming environment.



The Shields Centre will provide:

- Maxwell road GP practice, relocating from Maxwell Road
- Regency GP practice, relocating from Keir Street
- Health Improvement, relocating from Pollokshields Health Shop
- Social Work Services, including Welfare Rights, Addiction Counselling and community/group work sessions, relocating from McCulloch Street Social Work Office
- base for Health Visiting and District Nursing
- group work/meeting room

Involving The Community in the Design



Over the past five months Alexander Hamilton, the artist on this project has been working with local children, community groups and volunteers from the New Victoria Gardens Allotments to come up with interesting design ideas for the metal panels that will run along the front of the Centre. The groups decided to use images of botanical plants and herbs and their Latin names. An example of what the final design might look like can be seen on the side of this page.

The centre will also have its own community garden. This attractive, landscaped and green space is visible from both the ground floor and first floor waiting areas and includes a separate area at the rear of the garden that can be developed for community use. An art and environment sub group has been set up to oversee all of this work and is keen to encourage more local people to get involved. To find out more please contact Lisa Martin using the details below.

'Meet The Team' Drop –In Session

**Monday 25th
November, 5.30pm –
7pm
Pollokshields
Community Centre,
Kenmure Street**

Local residents are invited to drop in for refreshments and nibbles, view the latest plans and meet the project team at this session on Monday 25th November.

Our architect and site contractor will be on hand to answer any questions and our artist, Alexander Hamilton will be showcasing the fantastic art and design work and talking about ideas for the community garden.

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