

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

## **Merton residents invited to 'Community Open Day' at The Nelson Health Centre to learn more about new services now available**

- **Event this Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July is chance to learn more about wide range of health, social care and community services on offer to local community**

The Nelson Health Centre in Wimbledon will hold a special 'Community Open Day' this Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, offering chance for residents across Merton to find out more about some of the new and existing health, social care, charity and community services available to the local community.

The Nelson Health Centre in Kingston Road, Wimbledon already plays a vital role in supporting community health with facilities including GP surgeries; mental health services; minor surgery facilities; support services for older people; and a range of specialist outpatient clinics. The centre also provided COVID testing and vaccination facilities but, with pandemic restrictions now easing, a number of existing services are now returning to The Nelson, together with new health and social care services for residents to access.

The '**Community Open Day' on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 10am to 12pm**, offers Merton residents of all ages chance to pop into The Nelson and find out about the many services available – key activities will include:

### **Stalls with information on health, social care and charity services**

- Key tenants from The Nelson Health Centre and other parts of the NHS will be available to talk to residents about some of the new and existing health and social care services now available, including mental health services offered by South West London and St George's NHS Trust, physiotherapy services provided by Connect Health, and the range of services and support offered by the Nelson Medical Practice
- Local charities will also be on hand to advice residents on what food and financial support is available in the local area to help during the current 'cost of living' crisis

### **AFC Wimbledon Foundation, Merton pop-up library and other local community stalls**

- As part of their ongoing partnership with The Nelson, AFC Wimbledon Foundation will be on-hand to talk to residents about the weekly health and wellbeing activities they offer to residents of all ages
- Merton pop-up library will also be available for local residents to use, along with other stalls offering crafts and other goods and services from the local community

The Nelson Health Centre was built by South West London Health and Care Partnership which brings together healthcare investor Fulcrum working closely with Community Health Partnerships, a key part of the NHS family.

**Sarah Beaumont-Smith, Director at South West London Health and Care Partnership, said:** *"The Nelson has grown to become a central part of the local community, supporting the health and well-being of residents across Merton, so the Community Open Day is a great chance to find out more about the wide range of new and existing services available. From health information and social care support, to library books and local community stalls, there's something for everyone at the Community Open Day so we look forward to welcoming residents of all ages."*

**Philippa Robinson, Regional Director – London for Community Health Partnerships said:** *"Health centres, like The Nelson play a vital role in their communities and can facilitate access to a wide range of health and wellbeing services that support improvement in population health outcomes. This is a key aim of our Buildings at the Heart of their Communities initiative and I am delighted we can once again run events such the Community Open Day post pandemic. It is wonderful to be able to invite local people into the centre to find out more, have the support of health and wellbeing services in Merton, and to show that The Nelson is more than just a place to go to get treatment when you are unwell."*

**Fiona Sutherland from AFC Wimbledon Foundation said:** *"AFC Wimbledon Foundation is excited to be partnering with the Nelson Health Centre to help increase the health and wellbeing of football fans and local residents alike. We look forward to joining the Community Open Day to showcase some of the events and activities the Foundation has on offer to support residents of all ages across Merton."*

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