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The public will have an opportunity to find out more and contribute to the development of the £500,000 Prime Ministers Challenge programme - Workington Better Together - which will provide seven-day-a-week GP services for patients in Workington.

Working together, the town's family doctors were one of just 20 pilot projects across England to successfully win the funding to improve access to GP services.

The public event on July 10 at St Michaels Church, Workington has been arranged by NHS Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to give patients in Workington the opportunity to hear about and contribute to the plans to redesign and modernise health services within the town to provide more sustainable and higher quality care.

The five Workington practices: James Street Group Practice, Oxford Street Surgery, Orchard House Surgery, Solway Health Services and Beechwood Group Practice are working closely together to develop this new way of working to create a primary care access centre in the hospital and implement a new way for improving long term conditions management.

The extended opening hours aim to improve access to GP services, allowing more people to be seen and reduce emergency hospital admissions.

NHS Cumbria CCG Lead GP for Allerdale, Dr Niall McGreevy said: "This is great news for patients in Workington. The five GP practices who serve 33,900 people in Workington and surrounding villages have worked closely together to develop this new way of working to improve access to GP services for patients.

"Each practice has contributed to the development which will see a new Primary Care Access centre open seven days a week, from 8am until 8pm at Workington Community Hospital.

"The centre will offer same-day urgent appointments and minor injuries care. In parallel with this, we will be implementing a new way for improving long term conditions management, working with Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and Adult Social Care to integrate community, primary and social care. This will create Cumbria's first Primary Healthcare community and will be a blueprint for the development of this kind of care across Cumbria.

"This funding will enable us to develop a 'one team' approach to care for our patients.

"The CCG is committed to improving the way patients access care in their local communities, and is supporting the development of Primary Care communities, supporting GP practices, community services, social care and the third sector and this funding for Workington will help us develop this pilot to improve services for the people of Workington.

The public event will take place on July 10, 2014 from 7pm-9pm in St Michaels Church Workington.

You can follow the latest development via Twitter, following the hashtag #WBT, on NHS Cumbria CCG's Facebook page and share your views or request more information by emailing: [WorkingtonBetterTogether@cumbriaccg.nhs.uk](mailto:WorkingtonBetterTogether@cumbriaccg.nhs.uk)

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