

CAR PARKING TASK AND FINISH GROUP UPDATE

The Task and Finish Group was set up following the receipt of a high number of concerns and issues raised by members of the public, along with hospital staff, at both the Cumberland Infirmary and the West Cumberland hospital. The role of this group has been to collate all the information received. We then aim to carry out research where required and come up with some solutions and recommendations to alleviate some of the problems faced by patients, visitors and staff with regards to car parking.

In early April – a letter was sent to Ann Farrar Chief Executive of North Cumbria University Hospitals Trust. This letter expressed some of these concerns and a meeting has now been arranged between Healthwatch Cumbria and the hospital trust on 16th May 2014.

The Task and Finish group will next meet at the West Cumberland Hospital on 7th May and at the Best Life Building, Botchergate, Carlisle in early June.

If you wish to share your experiences of parking problems with the group, please do contact Healthwatch Cumbria via our website, telephone line or directly email Marie Blackburn, County Engagement Officer, who is the facilitator for this group Marie@healthwatchcumbria.co.uk