

I went to the open meeting at Winton House on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

All of the Learn2Live permanent team were there, 6 of them, plus the main builder and another contractor.

They were keen to stress that the Youth Clinic will not be a rehab centre. It is not a hospital and not a drug clinic. If any of the children attending have drug or alcohol problems, these are subsidiary to their main mental health issues.

At the beginning all patients will be private, but there is a long term plan to accept NHS referrals.

Staff will be in place all over the building all the time to keep the patients safe and contained. All patients will be there willingly and have agreed to remain on the premises for their 10 week treatment programme.

The staff who were present were not all giving the same answers to questions, I got three different versions of the security arrangements, fencing and gates.

They are recruiting managers and senior staff at the moment, but as the opening time approaches, they will also be recruiting carers, cooks, cleaners, gardeners and other staff, and I have given them help with various local social media outlets to help recruit, including postcards in shop windows!

Several of the parishioners who were known to be uncomfortable about the project were there and seemed to be reassured by what they heard.