



**Torrington Community Cares: Meeting  
local needs  
Staff and stakeholder engagement and  
involvement report**

***Appendix 9  
Full list of media coverage***

**Summer 2014**

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<b>Full list of media coverage:</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Media</b>	<b>Article title</b>
7 July 2013	Pharmacy Choice	Hospital loses all its beds as at-home care boosted [Western Morning News (England)]
10 July 2013	North Devon Gazette	Care at home' health plans prompt fears for Torrington
11 July 2013	North Devon Journal	Torrington Hospital will lose inpatient beds
13 July 2013	Western Morning News	Hospital loses all its beds as at-home care boosted
14 July 2013	BBC Devon Website	Torrington Hospital beds closed as 'new ways of working' explored
27 July 2013	Western Morning News	PHOTOS & VIDEO: Hundreds gather for protest against Torrington hospital cuts
27 July 2013	BBC Devon Website	Rally held against Great Torrington hospital scheme
27 July 2013	North Devon Gazette	VIDEO AND PHOTOS: Protesters rally against Torrington Hospital bed closures
29 July 2013	Western Morning News	Town protest against bid to cut hospital beds
30 July 2013	Socialist Worker	Angry march to save hospital in Torrington, Devon
5 Aug 2013	North Devon Journal	Drop-in clinics address Torrington Community Hospital issues
6 Aug 2013	North Devon Gazette	Public meeting over Torrington Hospital cuts
8 Aug 2013	North Devon Journal	Hands Off Our Beds leaflets to be handed out in Torrington
8 Aug 2013	North Devon Journal	Letter asking for beds to be kept at Torrington
9 Aug 2013	North Devon Gazette	MP joins fight to save Torrington Hospital beds
9 Aug 2013	Western Morning News	Plans to put a stop on bed closures at Torrington Hospital supported by Torridge District Council
10 Aug 2013	Western Morning News	Campaign bids to halt plans for bed closures at cottage hospital
16 Aug 2013	North Devon Journal	MP Geoffrey Cox supports campaign to save Torrington Cottage Hospital
23 Aug 2013	Western Morning News	The future of Torrington Hospital to be discussed in further meetings and drop-in sessions
31 Aug 2013	North Devon Journal	UPDATE: Beds to reopen at Torrington Community Hospital when staff return

2 Sept 2013	North Devon Gazette	Hospital beds to stay open amid consultation
2 Sept 2013	BBC Devon Website	Torrington Hospital beds reopen for consultation
2 Sept 2013	BBC Spotlight	Item on news bulletin
2 Sept 2013	Heart FM	Item on news bulletin
5 Sept 2013	North Devon Journal	Comment piece about proposed 'closure' of Torrington Hospital
5 Sept 2013	North Devon Journal	Letter from STITCH group about future of Torrington Hospital
12 Sept 2013	North Devon Journal	Torrington Hospital discussed at town council meeting
12 Sept 2013	North Devon Journal	Closure isn't on the cards
13 Sept 2013	BBC News Devon	Campaigners fear for North Devon hospital beds
13 Sept 2013	North Devon Journal	Crowds gather for meeting on future of Torrington Hospital
15 Sept 2013	North Devon Journal	Residents voice opinions against beds closure at Torrington Hospital
17 Sept 2013	Western Morning News	Letter: Community hospital needs your support
24 Sept 2013	Western Morning News	Letter: Range of options for Torrington healthcare
5 Oct 2013	Western Morning News	Row over closure of town's hospital beds
20 Oct 2013	BBC Radio Devon	Torrington Town Council undertakes own consultation over hospital project
20 Nov 2013	North Devon Journal	No evidence that Torrington hospital beds should remain open, says director of operations
20 Nov 2013	North Devon Gazette	Beds to close at Torrington Hospital next week
28 Nov 2013	North Devon Journal	Reader Letter criticises Torrington Project
5 Dec 2013	North Devon Journal	Former NDDH and Torrington Hospital Staff member joins Torrington Town Council
12 Dec 2013	North Devon Journal	Torrington Hospital League of Friends to hold carol service
14 Dec 2013	Pharmacy Choice	Reader letter criticises Trust over Torrington bed closure
27 Dec 2013	North Devon Gazette	New Services for Torrington Hospital
2 Jan 2014	North Devon Journal	Torrington Hospital League of Friends hosted Carols in the Community
23 Jan 2014	North Devon Journal	We need to spread the word of community hospitals (column by MP Geoffrey Cox)
27 Jan 2014	North Devon Gazette	Torrington residents to rally again over hospital bed closures

6 Feb 2014	North Devon Journal	Results from the first eight weeks of Torrington Community Cares pilot released
8 Feb 2014	North Devon Journal	VIDEO AND PHOTO: Hundreds take part in protest march against closure of Torrington Hospital beds
8 Feb 2014	BBC Radio Devon	Interview with Dr Chris Bowman about eight-week report
11 Feb 2014	Socialist Worker	Rally for beds at Torrington Hospital
19 Feb 2014	North Devon Gazette	Reader letter about Torrington Community Cares project
20 Feb 2014	North Devon Journal	STITCH letter: People want the hospital
20 Feb 2014	North Devon Journal	STITCH letter: First brick in hospital wall
20 Feb 2014	North Devon Journal	STITCH letter about upcoming rally and public meeting
20 Feb 2014	North Devon Journal	Dr Chris Bowman responds to letters in the Journal
27 Feb 2014	North Devon Journal	Protestors deliver a 'save our beds' message via song
27 Feb 2014	North Devon Journal	STITCH letter: Fight for our beds goes on
27 Feb 2014	North Devon Journal	For the record: Torrington resident apologises for misquoting NDHT community matron in reader letter
Mar 2014	The Crier	STITCH update
Mar 2014	The Crier	Reader letter: Hospital misinformation
Mar 2014	The Crier	Reader letter: The cost of NHS care
Mar 2014	The Crier	Reader letter: Healthcare worth fighting for
10 Mar 2014	North Devon Journal	Parish poll over Torrington Hospital bed closures
12 Mar 2014	Western Morning News	Torrington to hold parish poll over hospital
20 Mar 2014	North Devon Journal	Reader letter: Fighting for the hospital
27 Mar 2014	North Devon Journal	Reader letter: Healthcare under threat
8 April 2014	North Devon Gazette	Torrington residents to vote on whether they'd like to see hospital beds open
9 April 2014	North Devon Gazette	Reader letter criticises Trust and SSG over Torrington project
10 April 2014	North Devon Gazette	Torrington residents vote overwhelmingly in favor of keeping hospital beds
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12 April 2014	Western Morning News	Campaigners claim Trust and CCG are breaking law over Torrington project

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April 2014	The Crier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update – plans following the end of the 6 month evaluation period</li> <li>• STITCH update</li> </ul>
April 2014	Parish News – Beaford and Roborough	Update and Tour and Talk
5 May 2014	North Devon Journal	Torrington community matron seemingly imitated by STITCH member at town carnival
9 May 2014	Western Morning News	Letter from trust and CCG corrects comments made in an article about Torrington hospital beds
14 May 2014	North Devon Gazette	Letters suggests Torrington hospital is 'closed' and asks for beds to be opened
May 2014	The Crier	<p>Response to Parish Poll</p> <p>Update – Tour and Talk</p> <p>STITCH update</p>
May 2014	Merton Monthly	Update – Tour and Talk
June 2014	The Crier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter from Michael Tighe and the right to reply</li> <li>• Response to the STITCH float</li> <li>• STITCH update</li> </ul>
3 June 2014	BBC Spotlight	Item on news bulletin