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Re-shaping Community Health Services in South Devon and Torbay

Having completed the NHS England Assurance process this week, South Devon and Torbay CCG, supported by Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust, will run a 12 week formal consultation, starting on Thursday 1 September 2016 and ending on Wednesday 23 November.

The CCG will be seeking feedback on its proposals to re-shape community health services and listening to alternative ideas for strengthening services. Any proposals must meet increasing health needs, be clinically sound, sustainable and affordable. No decisions will be made on the future shape of services until after consultation has closed and all feedback and alternative proposals been thoroughly evaluated. Feedback from the consultation is likely to be considered by the CCG's Governing Body at a meeting in public in January/February 2017.

The proposals

First published in April, the consultation proposals respond to increasing demand for health care, the need to both deliver services within tighter financial circumstances and meet changing clinical requirements. The proposals aim to strengthen services that most people use by switching resources from bed-based hospital care to community-based care, enabling more people to be supported in or near their own homes.

The proposals recognise that change is essential as the way we currently deliver care is neither meeting current nor identifiable future needs. To invest resources to strengthen community-based services, the CCG is proposing to reduce the number of community hospital beds to the level that successive audits indicate is required to meet the needs of our population. As a result, the proposals suggest that Ashburton, Bovey Tracey, Dartmouth and Paignton hospitals should be closed. The number of minor injuries units would be reduced to three (Newton Abbot, Totnes and Dawlish (in our coastal locality which is not part of this consultation), but would open consistent hours, 8am to 8pm and be supported by x-ray diagnostics.

Making these changes will enable investment in community-based services including community nurses, physiotherapists occupational therapists and social care staff to support people in their own homes. Excellent quality care in hospital will be available to people if they need to be admitted.

In putting forward these proposals, the CCG recognises that proposing the closure of four hospitals which have served communities well will be unpopular with some people. But with modern medical practices, the best care is often delivered at home, reducing the need for a hospital admission. The CCG wants to focus on the services that most people use and which will support people to remain as well as possible.

Consultation

A detailed consultation document will be published, together with locality summary versions for each area– Moor to Sea, Newton Abbot, Paignton and



Brixham and Torquay. More detailed support documents will also be published, setting out for example the clinical and financial cases for change; summarising how the consultation option was developed; identifying the population and health needs which the new model of care seeks to address; summarising current health service usage; as well as looking at travel issues arising from the proposed consultation changes.

The CCG aims to maximise public debate and will do so using:

Public meetings: in organising these, the CCG wants to outline the reasons for change and to discuss the proposals. The size and availability of local venues means the number of meetings at different locations will range from one to three.

Location	Date	Time	Venue
Ashburton	20 Sept	1pm, 4pm and 7pm	Ashburton Town Hall, North Street, Ashburton, TQ13 7QQ
Bovey Tracey	13 Sept	4.30pm and 7.30 pm	Phoenix Hall, St Johns Lane, Bovey Tracey, TQ13 9FF
Brixham	29 Sept	6.30 pm	Scala Hall, Market Street, Brixham, TQ5 8TA
Buckfastleigh	22 Sept	6.30pm	St Lukes Church, Plymouth Rd, Buckfastleigh, TQ11 0DA
Chudleigh	16 Sept	6.30pm	Chudleigh Town Hall, Market Way, Chudleigh, TQ13 0HL
Dartmouth	15 Sept	4pm and 7pm	Dartmouth Academy, Milton Lane, Dartmouth, TQ6 9HW
Newton Abbot	13 Oct	6.30pm	Newton Abbot College, 28 Old Exeter Road, Newton Abbot, TQ12 2NF
Paignton	28 Sept	9am, 4pm and 7pm	Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, 24 Cecil Road, Paignton, TQ3 2SH
Torquay	6 Oct	6.30pm	Upton Vale Baptist Church, St. Marychurch Road, Torquay, TQ1 3HY
Totnes	11 Oct	6.30 pm	Totnes Civic Hall, High Street, Totnes, TQ9 5SF
Widecombe	12 Oct	6.30pm	Widecombe Church House

Community meetings: the CCG would like to be invited to meetings organised by others and will attend as many as it can to discuss the proposals and to respond to questions.

CCG website: this will host all consultation material, including a constantly updating frequently asked questions section.

Media and community publications: we will seek to share information and promote how to get involved.

Consultation material will be published on 1 September and will include a dedicated telephone line, email address and other contact details for those who want to ask questions or seek information.

Submitting your views

Views expressed at both public meetings and others attended by the CCG will be noted by Healthwatch (Devon and Torbay) and included in their independent report on the consultation. Completed feedback forms, which will be available with the consultation material and on line will go directly to Healthwatch as will other correspondence or petitions, which will be noted in the feedback report.

More information

For more information please visit www.southdevonandtorbayccg.nhs.uk/community-health-services or email sdttccg.consultation@nhs.net or write to South Devon and Torbay CCG, Pomona House, Torquay, TQ2 7FF.