



## Media Release

### **The NHS in northern Derbyshire sets date to make decision on proposals for better care closer to home**

The Governing Body of NHS Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group and the Governing Body of NHS North Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group will meet in public on Monday 24 July, 7pm at County Hall in Matlock to discuss the feedback received during the Better Care Closer to Home consultation and make decisions on the proposals that were put forward.

The consultation took place 29 June 2016 – 5 October 2016, with an additional clarification exercise in November, and put forward a number of proposals to make better joined-up care closer to home a reality for many older people in northern Derbyshire.

The consultation focused on how to provide better care closer to home for:

- Older people receiving inpatient care in a community hospital, usually following a spell in an acute hospital because of an illness or accident, and
- Older people with dementia who currently receive services in community hospitals.

The proposals put forward were a direct response to feedback from patients, their families, carers and others which consistently said that where possible people would prefer to receive their care in or near to home. Better Care Closer to Home put forward a vision for how to provide enhanced and more joined up community-based services.

At the outset of the consultation, both Clinical Commissioning Groups made a number of promises to the people of northern Derbyshire:

- No current service would stop until an alternative is in place.
- Everyone who needs inpatient care under the proposals put forward would receive it
- All NHS-commissioned services to remain free at the point of delivery.

Over the course of the consultation, over 35,000 consultation documents were distributed across northern Derbyshire, 18 public meetings and 20 drop-in sessions were held and these were attended by over 1500 people. The CCGs met with many interested groups who requested a meeting and worked with all the local NHS providers to reach both staff and patients.

Consultation feedback was received in the form of survey response forms, written and email correspondence, notes and recordings from public meetings, petitions, verbal feedback, online comments and the media. In total 2,260 questionnaires and circa 100 letters and emails were received.

On completion of the consultation all the responses were analysed by Dr Steven Wilkinson, an independent academic from the University of East Anglia. All feedback was included in the analysis and was represented in the [feedback report](#) which was published in the public domain on Wednesday 1 February 2017.

On receiving the independent feedback report, the two Clinical Commissioning Groups considered each response. This process identified a number of issues to be considered by the CCGs. These were then systematically reviewed in conjunction with service managers and clinicians from provider and commissioner organisations and patients.

Dr Steve Lloyd, Clinical Chair of NHS Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group, said:

“The proposals put forward for consultation were the result of years of research and discussion with the public and colleagues in local health and social care services and the voluntary sector.

“The public consultation process was invaluable and really helped us to understand what matters most to people. Since the consultation ended, a huge amount of work has taken place to help understand what the feedback we received means for the proposals put forward in Better Care Closer to Home.”

Dr Ben Milton, Clinical Chair of NHS North Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group, added:

“I would like to thank everyone who took the time to get involved and share their thoughts about what is most important to them, and for the many constructive ideas and suggestions we received.

“Every single piece of feedback has been reviewed and analysed ahead of the 24 July meeting. This analysis will be the foundation for the decision-making process.”

Better Care Closer to Home is part of a major ongoing programme of work called 21C #JoinedUpCare. 21C is a partnership between local NHS commissioners and providers, Derbyshire County Council and the voluntary sector which is now in the process of aligning itself with the work of the Derbyshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan, Joined Up Care Derbyshire.

The original consultation document and the subsequent independent analysis is available online at [www.joinedupcare.org.uk](http://www.joinedupcare.org.uk)

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

### The 21C #JoinedUpCare partnership is made up of:

- NHS North Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group
- Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
- Derbyshire Health United
- Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust
- East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust
- North Derbyshire Voluntary Action
- Derbyshire County Council

### What is 21c #JoinedUpCare?

21<sup>st</sup> Century #JoinedUpCare (or '21C' for short) is our plan for health and social care in the future. It has been developed by the health and social care organisations across northern Derbyshire that buy or provide services for its 390,000 people. The aim of 21C is to find smarter and new ways of working together that improve services for our citizens and use public money in the best possible way. Overall we want to make sure our patients receive high-quality clinical care that is well-organised and enables a good patient experience.

For more information see [www.joinedupcare.org.uk](http://www.joinedupcare.org.uk) and follow the partnership on twitter @21CNorthDerbys

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