

Clinical Services Review Overview and Scrutiny Brief August 2011

NHS Bassetlaw and NHS Doncaster have been working on jointly developing proposals for commissioning high quality and sustainable services which meet the needs of patients both in their acute phase of illness and through rehabilitation and community care. This review is the Clinical Services Review.

Montagu Hospital Mexborough and Tickhill Road Hospital

A set of ambitious commissioning intentions for Montagu Hospital Mexborough and Tickhill Road hospital services have been drafted.

The aim of the review is to ensure the Doncaster and Bassetlaw populations are able to access, both now and in the future, safe and effective services that are valued by patients. As medical and clinical practice developed it was inevitable that changes would be required to ensure patients received the best care possible in a sustainable way and within the financial envelopes available.

The commissioning intentions describe the services at Montagu Hospital Mexborough and Tickhill Road Hospital alongside the community services we wish to expand to provide care closer to patients homes providing real alternatives to hospital based care where it is clinically appropriate to do so. These intentions have been developed by local clinicians and endorsed by a national team of experts.

A meeting will take place at the start of September to decide when public consultation will be appropriate.

Options for the acute management of Fractured Neck of Femur

Work is ongoing with the Hospital trust DBHFT to improve services within both sites Doncaster and Bassetlaw to ensure Fractured Neck of Femur treatment is meeting national standards. This is being monitored by the PCT contracting teams.

Options for Paediatric, Obstetric and Gynaecology Services

NHS Bassetlaw and NHS Doncaster have concluded that a stand alone midwifery led unit at Bassetlaw Hospital would not be viable and therefore it has been agreed to sustain an obstetrician led service, supported by a paediatric service. Plans are underway to ensure that this is achieved in a safe, affordable and sustainable way.

Two small working groups that have been established, led by clinicians and supported by managers to make recommendations about the action needed to meet the commitments NHS Bassetlaw and NHS Doncaster have made.

This includes reviewing the workforce. Initial work will be presented to the Programme Board in September for review.

Facilities for paediatric assessment and care have been reviewed and improvement will be made at Bassetlaw Hospital to ensure the environment is suitable for children.

Assurance has been given from DBHFT that immediate concerns raised via the external reviews have been addressed sufficiently.

Options for Developing Services at Bassetlaw Hospital

The Bassetlaw Task and Finish group have just completed the first phase of the work in developing services for Bassetlaw District General Hospital. A proposed clinical model for an Assessment and Treatment Centre has been developed supported by enhanced community services.

The second phase of this work is being developed and will include finance and activity modelling. The plans will be presented to the Programme Board in September where next steps will be established.

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