



meeting	COMMUNITY HOSPITALS SELECT COMMITTEE	
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Change to Local NHS – Mansfield Community Hospital and Ashfield Health Village

Nottinghamshire County Teaching Primary Care Trust

Purpose of report

1. To inform the Community Hospitals Select Committee of a proposed change to the local NHS relating to Mansfield Community Hospital and Ashfield Health Village.

Background

2. Nottinghamshire County Teaching Primary Care Trust (tPCT) notified the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny of proposals to review the future use of parts of Mansfield Community Hospital and the Ashfield Health Village. Further to this, on 15th September 2008 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed that the proposal was a substantial variation requiring consideration by a select committee.
3. In August 2005 a full business case for the Modernisation of Acute Services (MAS) in North Nottinghamshire was presented to Strategic Health Authority (SHA) and HM Treasury. The MAS business case proposed that all acute medical beds at the Community Hospitals should be relocated to new accommodation on the King's Mill site by late 2008 and that new rehabilitation beds would be created in the community hospitals to maintain their viability. An analysis of current community hospital usage has concluded that approximately 66 post-acute rehabilitation beds would be required for this purpose rather than the 120 originally planned.
4. The tPCT is proposing to establish new services for general rehabilitation and musculoskeletal rehabilitation in two of the vacated wards at Mansfield Community Hospital, whilst Ashfield Health Village would become a centre for neurological rehabilitation, taking advantage of existing rehabilitation facilities located on the site.
5. The proposal will involve the creation of three new inpatient rehabilitation wards and the relocation of the Young Disabled Unit from Mansfield Community Hospital to Ashfield Health Village.

6. Following the relocation of the Young Disabled Unit to Ashfield Health Village, it is proposed that work would commence to convert the vacant Chatsworth Ward in Mansfield into a new primary care facility into which the Orchard Medical Practice would relocate. Orchard Medical Practice has approached the tPCT to find alternative accommodation as the six partner practice is currently operating from a building that is deemed no longer suitable for their needs.
7. An outline business case was considered by the tPCT Board on Thursday 18 September 2008. The Board was asked to approve: A strategic intent for community hospitals in North Nottinghamshire, initiation of a formal consultation on the proposed way forward and associated options, expenditure on developing detailed designs and permission to seek dedicated capital funding from the Department of Health.
8. Three options for the use of other vacated accommodation at Mansfield Community Hospital will also be explored through the consultation process including the development of other primary care facilities, a “step-up” ward and a new community pharmacy.
9. A summary table of the proposals is set out at Appendix A.

Terms of Reference

10. It is suggested that the Select Committee:
 - give consideration to the proposals at the meeting on 3rd November 2008 and raise any initial concerns with the tPCT
 - that a draft response be prepared for the 1st December meeting
 - that the tPCT also be invited to attend the December meeting to provide details of the consultation to date
11. Members may also wish to consider whether they wish to receive additional evidence from other sources, this could include:
 - The practice based commissioning cluster who have a responsibility for commissioning additional services to meet local health needs.
 - Other service providers such as Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
12. The further meeting of the Community Hospitals Select Committee set for Monday 1st December at 2:00 pm is due to take place at Ashfield Health Village. If required, an additional meeting of the Select Committee could take place on Monday 19th January 2009 at 2:00 pm.

Recommendations

13. It is recommended that

the Select Committee agree the approach outlined in the report

Councillor Chris Winterton
Chair of Community Hospitals Select Committee

Background papers

Board Papers 16 September 2008 – Nottinghamshire County tPCT
OSC Response to Proposal from Orchard Medical Practice – 25 June 2007

Ashfield Health Village

Would become a specialist centre for neurological rehabilitation

Ward	Current use	Proposal for the future
Byron Ward	Kirkby Primary Care Centre	Stay as it is
Browning Ward	Empty	Become the 16-bed Unit for Rehabilitation Medicine
Tennyson Ward	Step-up facility	Become a 16-bed stroke/neurological rehabilitation ward

Mansfield Community Hospital

Ward	Current use	Proposal for the future
Holbeck Ward	Used by Sherwood Forest Hospitals	Diagnostic and treatment centre (previously consulted on)
Chatsworth Ward	Unit for Rehabilitation Medicine	Orchard Medical Practice
Bayliss Ward	Used by Sherwood Forest Hospitals	3 options – step up unit, GP practices and/or pharmacy
Lindhurst Ward	Used by Sherwood Forest Hospitals	24 – bed rehabilitation ward
Oakham Ward	Used by Sherwood Forest Hospitals	24 - bed rehabilitation ward

St John's Street Health Centre

The health centre will be closing early in 2010 and staff moving to Mansfield Community Hospital (as previously consulted on).