

Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Board
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Improving Stroke Care in West Surrey

Purpose of the report: Consultation on proposals to improve stroke care across West Surrey

This is the public consultation document describing the proposals being put forward to improve stroke care across West Surrey

Introduction

1. This document describes the proposals being put forward to improve stroke services across West Surrey and the consultation process being followed.
2. This consultation is led by Guildford & Waverley Clinical Commissioning Group in partnership with North West Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group.

Summary of proposals

3. To improve hospital care for patients by consolidating specialist stroke services at two hospital sites in West Surrey:

- Frimley Park Hospital in Camberley
- St. Peter's Hospital in Chertsey

This would enable seven day stroke specialist care to be provided, which is known to improve outcomes.

Under these plans specialist stroke care would no longer be provided at Royal Surrey County Hospital in Guildford.

4. To improve specialist stroke rehabilitation for patients who do not need to stay in an acute hospital but who are not quite well enough to go home. Changing how this is provided would enable patients to receive more intensive therapy, according to their needs, and therefore go home earlier.
5. In order to make best use of specialist skills, we want to consolidate the number of hospitals providing this specialist care at Farnham

Hospital with other possible options including Ashford Hospital, Milford Community Hospital and Woking Community Hospital.

6. To improve community-based rehabilitation services so that patients and carers feel better supported when they return to their own home, including:
 - Increasing the number of people able to return home sooner with stroke specialist rehabilitation. This is known as Early Supported Discharge or ESD
 - Increasing the number of people able to access psychology services
 - Ensuring that everyone who has a stroke has a review 6 months afterwards
 - Developing and supporting initiatives aimed at preventing stroke.

Conclusions:

7. This document forms part of a public consultation – full details at www.guildfordandwaverleyccg.nhs.uk.
8. The consultation is running from 6th February – 30th April 2017.

Public Health Impacts

9. These proposals have been developed to improve outcomes for patients suffering a stroke across West Surrey. A full equality impact assessment has been carried out and is summarised within the consultation document.

Recommendations:

10. a) To note the consultation document
b) Any support to publicise the consultation in relevant areas across West Surrey would be appreciated

Next steps:

11. Consultation close: Sunday 30th April 2017.
12. Guildford and Waverley CCG and North West Surrey CCG will meet together in public to report back on the consultation and make this decision. It is expected that this public meeting will take place in June or July 2017.
13. Details will be made available as soon as possible at www.guildfordandwaverleyccg.nhs.uk.

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