

NHS Update – June 2010

Primary Care Development forges ahead in Westbury

The location of Westbury's Primary Care Development was revealed to a gathering of about 70 residents at a Town Council meeting on 10 May 2010.

The development will be located at Leigh Park, Westbury, on the opposite side of Mane Way from the local shops. Plans for the development have evolved through the work of a Steering Group with members drawn from NHS Wiltshire, the Westbury Group Practice, Patients' Forum, League of Friends and the Town Council.

The Primary Care Development (PCD) will include an extended modern GP surgery which combines the Eastleigh Surgery and the White Horse Surgery with a range of other health care services, all under one roof.

The PCD will accommodate all the services that are currently provided from Eastleigh and White Horse Surgery, and in addition to this there will be a number of new services available that Westbury people currently have to travel to other towns to access. The services available will be:

- 8 GPs from the existing surgeries (so people will continue to see their family doctor), plus a GP in training
- Nurse Practitioners, who are able to see, treat and prescribe for patients
- Nurses, providing a wide range of services from Family Planning to Asthma care
- Consultant outpatient clinics
- A minor surgery suite, which will be used by staff and visiting Secondary Care consultants
- The Westbury and Warminster Neighbourhood Teams (who provide community healthcare to patients in their own homes)
- A mobile diagnostics centre, for screening services and diagnostic tests Community midwives, providing antenatal and postnatal care
- Health visitors
- Outpatient X-ray facilities for patients under the care of specialists at Salisbury District Hospital
- A stand-by point for the Ambulance Service
- A dental surgery, which will extend to three dentists on site, providing NHS and private dental services
- Primary care counselling services
- Lifestyle management services, including diet, exercise advice and smoking cessation support
- The practice is in negotiation with a Pharmacy Provider

The building will be approximately 2400 square metres in floor area, compared to the existing Eastleigh Surgery which is less than 700 square metres.

The current car parking proposals include about 100 parking spaces for patients; the site is within walking and cycling distance of many homes in the area and within about 500 metres of existing bus stops. Access to the site will be promoted via community transport services and in addition, the Steering Group and the BA13 Transport Group are exploring the possibility of improving bus links to the area to secure the best possible transport infrastructure through a 'travel plan'.

Westbury people were given the opportunity to check further progress at an Open Day at the Paragon on 26th May. The architect, the GPs, travel planners and representatives from NHS Wiltshire were present to talk and answer questions about the plans for the new development.

Coalition Programme for Health

The government announced its Coalition Programme for the next five year's of this parliament.

Key announcements for the NHS include:

- Health spending will increase in real terms each year
- An independent Health Board will allocate financial resources and coordinate commissioning
- The role of the GPs in commissioning will be strengthened
- Extending patient choice for all services including choice of GP
- Strengthening the role of the Care Quality Commission so it becomes an effective quality inspectorate and developing Monitor as an economic regulator
- **Delivering a stronger local voice through directly elected individuals on PCT boards. The remainder of the board will be appointed by the local authority. The Chief executive and principle directors will be appointed by the Secretary of State**

New Ministerial Team

The new coalition government has appointed its Ministerial Team for the Department of Health:

Secretary of state for Health – Andrew Lansley

Minister of State for Care Services – Paul Burstow

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Quality (Lords) – Earl Howe

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Public Health – Anne Milton

The Wiltshire Concordat

The Chairman of NHS Wiltshire, Tony Barron, has led the path to the establishment of a new Wiltshire Concordat, which was signed by Wiltshire's health and social care organisations, as well as Wiltshire Council and NHS Wiltshire, in May.

The Concordat sets out a commitment from the organisations involved in the areas of health and social care to work together to ensure the continued delivery of high quality services for Wiltshire people during a period of constrained funding for public services.

It brings together and underlines the aim all our hospitals, the mental health service, the ambulance service and GPs in Wiltshire to deliver services and support people to live healthy lives.

Reading to unborn babies - Wiltshire midwife wins national bid

Wiltshire Maternity Services have succeeded in a bid to take part in a national pilot scheme to support vulnerable pregnant women in reading to their unborn babies. The pilot, organised by the Book Trust charity with the title 'Story Bump', is aimed not only at encouraging brain development in the baby, but also helping vulnerable women to engage with their unborn child. Wiltshire is the only county to be chosen in the South West.

The successful bid was the work of Anita Johnson, who works as a Specialist Support Midwife based at the Princess Anne Wing of the Royal United Hospital, Bath.

The pilot, starting in September over 12 sites nationally, follows a successful smaller trial with 50 teenage mums in the Nottingham and Cheshire East area. It links in with existing partnership work being done with Wiltshire Council in the Trowbridge and Calne areas – both pilot sites for the national Partners in Literacy project. Link midwives who work with teenage parents-to-be are currently working with the Partners in Literacy lead from the council to look at ways of encouraging literacy skills.

The next Board meeting will be held on **21 July 2010, in the Conference Room at Southgate House, Devizes**

Papers are published a week before the meeting on www.wiltshire.nhs.uk or on request from Maggie Goodman, NHS Wiltshire (tel: 01380 733827, email: maggie.goodman@wiltshire.nhs.uk)

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