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A single Children's Community Health Service for Wiltshire

Children's Community Health Services consist of fourteen different services for children:

- Health Visiting Service
- Family Nurse Partnership
- School Nursing and National Child Measurement programme
- School-aged immunisation programme
- Children's Learning Disability Nursing
- Integrated Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Children's Community Nursing
- Community Paediatrics
- Community Paediatric Audiology (West Wiltshire only)
- Safeguarding Named Nurses
- Looked After Children
- Portage (Salisbury area only)
- Child Health Information Service (CHIS)

In Wiltshire, these services are currently delivered by five separate organisations.

As a result of listening to, consulting and involving service users, it has been determined that services and support for the county's children and young people can be improved by delivering services via a single contract.

Wiltshire CCG, Wiltshire Council and NHS England are jointly re-commissioning the services to create a single Children's Community Health Service for Wiltshire. It will mean that every child, young person and family across the county, no matter where they live, will have access to the same and all services and support. Services will be easier to access and there will be a potential for improved joint work with GPs, Wiltshire Council and other partners.

Service users have been extensively involved in developing the new service. Children and young people and parent and carers have been at the heart of consultation and engagement, working alongside professionals in shaping Wiltshire's new Children's Community Health Service. As well as public events on the service, there have been a series of meetings, workshops, focus groups and on-line surveys.

The new improved service will be in place from March 2016. The tendering process is currently underway.

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Royal United Hospital, Bath acquires the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases

The proposed acquisition of the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases NHS Foundation Trust (RNHRD) by the Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Foundation Trust (RUH) has now been approved, health sector regulator Monitor announced.

Joint working with the RUH will secure the future of the renowned specialist services of the RNHRD and allow patients in the area and beyond to continue to access world class care and expertise. The acquisition takes place on 1 February 2015.

The RNHRD endoscopy service is the only clinical service to move to the RUH on 1 February. Combining the endoscopy services will give patients access to greater choice of appointments and the assurance of nationally accredited standards of care.

Patients, GPs and other relevant partners have already been engaged with and informed of this change.

All other RNHRD clinical services will continue to be provided from the RNHRD hospital and patients will be seen and treated by the same team of staff.

Specialist Dementia Care

NHS Wiltshire CCG and Wiltshire Council are currently running a public consultation, through Healthwatch Wiltshire, on the future location of where specialist dementia hospital care in Wiltshire will be delivered.

Specialist dementia care is currently being temporarily provided at Amblescroft South in Salisbury and has been provided there since the closure of Charter House, Trowbridge in February 2013. There are also additional beds available in Swindon and Bath and this provision will continue.

The consultation is asking the public to share their views on the three locations that have been put forward for a permanent place for specialist dementia care to be provided from, and the three possible locations are: Charter House, Trowbridge; Avebury Ward at Green Lane Hospital, Devizes; and Amblescroft South, Foundation Way, Salisbury.

The public consultation started on 1 December 2014 and is running until 10 March 2015.

More information on the consultation can be found on Healthwatch Wiltshire's website:

<http://www.healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk/consultation-specialist-dementia-care>

Integrated Community Teams

Wiltshire's pioneering Neighbourhood Teams, who were set up across the county to deliver community health care, are now developing even further and, in conjunction with Great Western Hospital and Wiltshire Council are transforming into 20 Integrated Teams, providing health and social care services to the population of Wiltshire.

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The aim of the teams is to deliver community health and social care in an integrated, seamless way - a total care environment in the community where the patient lives, supporting them to continue to live at home, or stay locally for as long as possible without having to go into hospital.

The integrated teams will be GP led, with each team serving a population of approximately 20,000 people. Each team consists of primary healthcare workers and community care people from the NHS, Council and other agencies.

Three pilot sites have already been set up in Bradford-on-Avon, Salisbury City and Calne, and the remaining 17 teams hope to be operational by the end of September 2015.

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