

Wiltshire PCT
Update to Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee
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Goldney Avenue Clinic - Chippenham

As part of the Reforming Community Services programme, Goldney Avenue Clinic will close at the end of 2008.

A range of community services are provided from the clinic and each service is talking to its current users to establish the best option for patients:

- Health visitors - children's centres, GP surgeries and Chippenham Community Hospital
- Audiology clinics - Chippenham Community Hospital
- Speech & Language Therapy - children's centres and Chippenham Community Hospital.

The clinic provides an office base for community teams including school nurses and the Continuing Healthcare Team. These staff will relocate to Chippenham Community Hospital.

In addition, Goldney Avenue is the base for some community mental health services in the Chippenham area and AWP NHS Trust are looking at the options for relocating these services.

Community ENT Clinics

The PCT has identified a clinical governance risk over the decontamination of nasendoscopes in community ENT clinics in North and West Wiltshire. New instrument washing equipment is being purchased and will be available at Chippenham and Warminster Community Hospitals.

ENT clinics will continue at all five of the existing sites but nasendoscope procedures will not be available at Malmesbury, Devizes and Trowbridge.

We estimate that this will affect 65 patients per annum out of the 6500 outpatient attendances for ENT assessment managed by the RUH. Where possible, patients who are likely to require a nasendoscope will be identified at booking to minimise risk of them needing to attend two appointments / sites.

Gynaecological Cancer

Following the decision of the B&NES OSC to require consultation on the proposals to relocate surgery for gynaecological cancer in Bristol, B&NES PCT are co-ordinating a review of the clinical pathway for patients. Wiltshire PCT will be represented on the steering group and Wiltshire HOSC and the Local Involvement Network will be asked to participate.

Members will recall that the proposed change will affect less than 100 women in Wiltshire as it relates to patients who attend RUH in Bath. Our residents who attend either Salisbury or Great Western Hospital already travel outside of the county for their surgical care (to Southampton and Oxford, respectively).

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