

Health briefing

Area Panel Three

December 2005

Welcome to our December Health Briefing

Central and Greater Derby Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) work together to improve the health of people across the city, and make sure the health services they need are available. Their job is to:

- work out what is needed to improve local people's health
- provide some services themselves – such as community services including clinics, district nurses, children's services and health visitors
The Secretary of State
- buy some services from others – such as larger hospitals and specialist treatments.

The PCTs will be providing a local Health Briefing for each Area Panel meeting.

If you have any questions you can either direct them through the Area Panel Manager - Richard Smail on 01332 258505 or contact us direct:

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In this issue you will find details of:

- the latest on patient-led NHS
- Village Community Health Centre
- Normanton Medical Centre.



Patient-led NHS – latest update

The Secretary of State has now agreed the proposals for the Strategic Health Authority and PCT reconfigurations within the Trent region. A consultation will be led by the Trent Strategic Health Authority and will consult on the following options for Derbyshire:

- 1 PCT for Derbyshire - including Glossop
- 1 PCT for Derbyshire - excluding Glossop which would be linked to Greater Manchester
- 2 PCTs, 1 for the city, 1 for the county - including Glossop
- 2 PCTs, 1 for the city, 1 for the county - excluding Glossop

No options are identified as a preferred way forward at this stage.

Patient-led NHS continued

The consultation – which starts on 14 December for 14 weeks - is only covering reconfiguration of organisational boundaries – discussions and decisions about provider functions are not included within this consultation.

In addition, there will be a separate consultation on the establishment of a single SHA for the East Midlands, co-terminous with government regional office boundaries.

The responses received during the consultation process will be recorded, general themes will be collated and a report taken to the Trent Strategic Health Authority Board. They will make final recommendations to go forward to the Secretary of State.

Changes to the provider functions will be considered by the new Commissioning PCTs in light of the soon to be published 'Out of Hospital' White Paper.

Village Community Health Centre

Following a consultation event in April on the Austin LIFT project, several names were suggested for the new centre. The most popular name was the Village Community Health Centre. This will, therefore be the name for the new centre.

Dr Horden's Practice will relocate from Village Street to the site of the former Village Community School. The main entrance to the new Centre will be from Browning Street.

The building company appointed for all current Southern Derbyshire LIFT schemes is Laing O'Rourke. They started to set up the site on Friday 18 November and will start on construction as soon as the site is fully set up. The new centre is scheduled for completion early in 2007.

In the meantime, the LIFT projects have a website it you would like to know about other projects taking place in south Derbyshire. The website address is www.sderbyshirelift.com

Good News for Normanton Medical Centre

High quality services have been secured following the retirement of local GP Dr Paul at the end of November. The PCTs set up a tendering process to find a replacement for Dr Paul and this was advertised both locally and nationally. We received 20 expressions of interest which resulted in four actual completed tenders.

The tenders were subjected to a robust selection and interview process that resulted in the identification of a 'preferred provider'. UnitedHealth Europe (UHE) who performed best against all the key criteria will now enter into detailed discussions with the PCTs with a view to starting the service in the new year.

In the meantime patients will continue to be seen at Normanton by locum doctors working with the existing team at the practice. In time, UnitedHealth Europe plan to extend the surgery's opening hours and provide a further range of services to meet the needs of the local community.

Area Panels are welcome to contact the PCT with questions, or to invite a representative from the PCT to speak at an Area Panel meeting if there is a particular subject of interest to the Panel.

You can contact us at the address overleaf.