

Health briefing

Area Panel Five

November 2006

Welcome to our Health Briefing

Derby City Primary Care Trust works 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
- buy some services from others – such as larger hospitals and specialist treatments.

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New Derby City PCT

From 1 October 2006 Central and Greater Derby Primary Care Trusts were replaced by a single Derby City Primary Care Trust. This follows a national consultation process to support the government's vision of 'Creating a Patient-led NHS'.

Because Central and Greater Derby PCTs have already been working together, there has been a smooth transition to the new organisation.

Prem Singh remains the Chief Executive and John Beswarick, Chair of Central Derby PCT, has been appointed Chair of Derby City PCT. The new Non Executive Directors are John Wain, George Tansley, Jasvinder Sanghera, Shokat Lal, Evonne Williams and John Atkins.

Our postal address and telephone numbers remain the same, but our website and e-mail addresses have changed. To e-mail most members of staff follow the format

firstname.surname@derbycitypct.nhs.uk

You can view our new website at www.derbycitypct.nhs.uk

We would welcome feedback on our new website. Please click on 'site feedback' from the menu across the top of the website or e-mail Liz Limbert, Communications Manager at liz.limbert@derbycitypct.nhs.uk

Drug Treatment Consultation

Derby Community Safety Partnership, working in partnership with the PCT, reviewed adult drug treatment services within the city in autumn 2005. Initial consultation with stakeholders resulted in a new way of providing drug treatments being proposed. This is now formally being consulted upon.

The consultation period will run from 6 November 2006 until 31 January 2007.

Copies of the consultation paper are available from Derby Community Safety Partnership, St. Peter's House, Gower Street or on the PCT's website: www.derbycitypct.nhs.uk

Healthcare Commission Annual Health Check

The Healthcare Commission has announced its annual performance rating for 2005/06. The annual ratings aim to give the public an accurate picture of local NHS healthcare organisations and how they are performing.

Both Central and Greater Derby PCTs were the only PCTs in the East Midlands to receive a rating of 'good' for use of resources - placing them in the top 8% nationally.

For quality of services Central Derby's overall rating was 'fair', along with the majority of the country's PCTs, and Greater Derby's rating was 'good'. The results for resources and quality combined mean Greater Derby PCT were the best in the East Midlands, and in the top 3% nationally. Central Derby PCT were placed in the top third of East Midlands PCTs overall.

Chief Executive Prem Singh commented:

"Considering the wide range of standards and targets, the Derby PCTs have performed well in a number of areas. There is clearly still work to do in some areas, but we are confident that we are in a strong position to improve on these in the coming year."

For more information visit the HealthCare Commission's website and select 'Annual Health Check Ratings' from the menu: www.healthcarecommission.org.uk

United Health Europe Contract

UnitedHealth Europe (UHE) will be providing services for patients of the

Normanton Medical Centre following the signing of contracts with Central and Greater Derby PCTs on 7 September 2006.

UHE were selected as the preferred provider following the retirement of local GP Dr Paul and have since been working with the PCTs to establish the exact nature of the services to be provided. During contract negotiations the PCTs have managed the practice and, with the existing practice team, ensured that services have continued to be provided.

The PCTs worked closely with UHE to ensure a smooth handover, resulting in continuity of service and no disruption to patient care. Local patients have been informed of the new arrangements and UnitedHealth Europe will be liaising with patient representatives to get their views on service requirements.

In time, UHE plans to extend the surgery's opening hours and provide a greater range of outreach services to meet the needs of the local community, particularly those living with long-term conditions.

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.

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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