

Report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Transforming Community Services

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In line with Transforming Community Services policy, NHS Derby City began a process of service redesign and transformation in 2010 to define the appropriate market intervention for community pathways. The PCT used a nationally recognised strategic commissioning framework for this programme of work. During this process the PCT's priority was to sustain patient care provision and to avoid destabilising the provider organisation in the short term whilst exploring market interventions.

In accordance with the requirements of the revision to the Operating Framework in June 2010, the PCT has developed a business plan to become a commissioning only organisation and to divest itself of Provider Services. This short report provides the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a brief update on the plans for Derby Community Health Services.

Adult services

Following a market testing process, adult services have been awarded to Derby Hospitals Foundation Trust. These services include district nursing, intermediate care, community matrons and dietetics. The principle advantage of this arrangement will be the ability to provide seamless care for patients in the transition from hospital and to avoid unnecessary admissions to hospital.

Community Paediatrics, Universal and Targeted Children's Services and Bradshaw Clinic Drug Services

These services will be provided by Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (formerly Derbyshire Mental Health Trust). As a community based organisation, the Foundation Trust will build on the successful links already in place with Derby City Council Children's Services. The pathways for children and young people with emotional and behavioural issues will be strengthened and streamlined.

Contraception and Sexual Health and Smoking Cessation Services

These services will transfer to Derbyshire Community Health Services, an organisation already experienced in delivering this type of service in the county.

Walk in Centre

Derbyshire Health United has won the tender to deliver services from the Walk in Centre on London Road.

Family Nurse Partnership

Following a 'right to request' the Family Nurse Partnership are working towards becoming a social enterprise.

It is intended that all of these transfers will take place by 1st April 2011. The PCT has carried out careful planning to minimise the disruption to staff and provide a continuous and safe service to patients throughout this time of transition to new providers.

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