Yorkshire and Bassetlaw, Mid Yorkshire and North Derbyshire

Hospital Services Review



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Over the last ten months the Hospital Services Review has been looking at the ways health and care services could be made better.



Introduction

The South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw region is one of the first areas in the country which is working towards having a fully joined together health and care service (Integrated Care System).



This Hospital Services Review is making plans for hospital services to be a part of this fully joined up health and care system.



We have found that South Yorkshire Bassetlaw have some excellent hospital services, and some are already working together with other health and care services.



However, there are too many people needing health care and not enough staff to give people this is now becoming a big problem.



This means that, across the region, the quality of care and access to care is not always what we want it to be.



Over the last ten months we have been working with doctors and nurses, patients and members of the public, to look at how health and care services could be improved.

Report

We have written this report based on the three main things which we need to be done; these are:

- Changing the ways that hospitals work together;
- Changing the ways that services work;
- Making changes to the services, where necessary.



We know that hospital services will need to change in the future to meet the needs of the patients. But we want to make it clear that every place will continue to have its own hospital.



To be able to offer high quality care throughout the area, hospitals will need to work more closely with each other.



We want to make sure we have enough staff that are well trained. To do this we will now be working closely with Health Education England.



The Hospital Services Review has focused on the problems in five hospital based services; these five are:



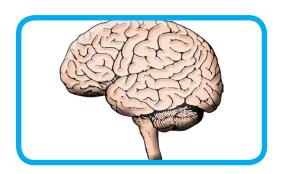
 Urgent and emergency care (the Emergency Department)



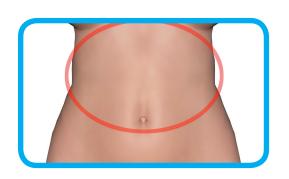
Maternity



• Care of seriously ill children



Stroke



• Gastroenterology and endoscopy (i.e. hospital service caring for people who have problems with the stomach and intestines)



At the moment we:



 do not have enough staff to care for patients needs



 Some patients get better treatment than others



 Slow to make changes and bring in new ideas



We want to make changes to these services so we can improve things.



To be able to do this, hospitals should be leading the way for other health and care service providers and commissioners (people who buy services) to work together.



The Hospital Services Review wants each hospital to work together and look at:

• Employing new staff



 The standard of care and treatment patients receive



• Changes and bring new ideas to improve patient care



The Hospital Services Review has found the following changes should happen.



Urgent and Emergency Care

All hospitals will continue to have an emergency department.



Making sure that non-emergency patients get care in the community.



Making sure all patients in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw, Mid Yorkshire and North Derbyshire, should be able to get urgent care (emergency care) in their local hospital when needed.



Making sure every hospital if needed can transfer patients to another hospital to get specialised care and treatment within the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw, Mid Yorkshire and North Derbyshire area.





Every hospital in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire should have facilities to care for children.



All hospitals should have a Paediatric (i.e. Child) Assessment Unit. However, it will not be possible for all hospitals in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw, Mid Yorkshire and North Derbyshire.



We need to look at how hospitals can make the best use of specialist staff for the care of children in the future.



Making sure children will recieve high quality care at all times. Whether this is at hospital or in the community, for both physical and mental illnesses.



Making sure South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw, Mid Yorkshire and North Derbyshire use the specialist experts of Sheffield Children's Hospital and specialist children's staff to improve care for all.



Each hospital will be able treat seriously ill children in Emergency Departments.



For children who need specialist treatment have an equal chance to have specialist care within the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw, Mid Yorkshire and North Derbyshire areas.

Maternity



Conclusion:

Maternity services in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw, Mid Yorkshire and North Derbyshire do not meet the standards that have been set in 'Better Births'.



The Review suggests that every District General Hospital should provide maternity services, and offer a home birth service.



The review found that on maternity units led by a consultant (i.e. a senior specialist doctor), there are enough staff for the following units

- South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw
- Mid Yorkshire
- North Derbyshire



However, in the future maternity services in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw, Mid Yorkshire and North Derbyshire should think about the high level of risk in the population of these areas.



It may be better to have larger maternity units with more senior specialist doctors (consultants) in each of these units.



Making sure that all mothers receive personalised care before, during and after the birth of their baby, close to home.



Making sure all mothers can choose from a range of safe and high-quality birth options.



South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw, Mid Yorkshire and North Derbyshire should make use of expert staff in child birth working in the region so that wherever women chose to give birth, safe high-quality care is given.



Stroke:

The Hospital Services Review suggests hospitals work closely with Hyper-acute Stroke Units (i.e. a specialist unit in the hospital to look after stroke patients)



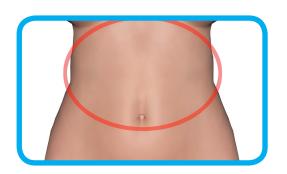
This will allow senior specialist doctors (consultants) to work in other hospitals when a hospital does not have a Hyper-acute Stroke Unit.



Making sure stroke services in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw, Mid Yorkshire and North Derbyshire get the care they need, at the time they need it.



Making sure there is enough skilled staff to provide a good stroke service for patients, whilst also giving staff good career opportunities across South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw, Mid Yorkshire and North Derbyshire.



Gastroenterology and endoscopy (i.e. hospital service caring for patients who have problems with the stomach and intestines):



The Hospital Services Review suggests lowering how many hospitals offer out-of-hours urgent care for gastrointestinal (internal stomach) bleeds.



Making sure each patient has access to high quality, specialist care no matter where in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw, Mid Yorkshire and North Derbyshire.



Making sure staff are better supported to allow the doctors and nurses to give the best care possible to patients.



Making sure patients have high quality treatment at their local District General Hospital during the day, and also be able to see a specialist doctor at night and at the weekend for emergency treatments.



You can have your say on the Hospital Services Review, by filling out the Questionnaire that goes with this report.



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