

NEWS RELEASE

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'HAVE YOUR SAY' ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO HOSPITAL SERVICES

A public consultation starts today, Tuesday, March 15th, 2016, on proposed changes to hospital services and further improvements to community services in Calderdale and Greater Huddersfield.

The Right Care, Right Time, Right Place consultation is being led by NHS Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and NHS Greater Huddersfield CCG and supported by Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust. The consultation will run until midnight on Tuesday, June 21st.

A series of drop-in information sessions will be taking place over the fourteen-week consultation period, where members of the public, patients and anyone with an interest in the proposed changes can talk to doctors, nurses and NHS managers, ask questions and give their views.

Two public meetings will be held, where a formal presentation will be delivered and there will be an opportunity to ask questions about the proposed changes.

The consultation document called 'Have your say – public consultation on proposed future arrangements for hospital and community health services' sets out proposals for:

- Two Urgent Care Centres – one at Calderdale Royal Hospital and one at the Acre Mills site, Huddersfield - for people with urgent but non-life threatening needs such as sprains, strains, broken bones, infections that may need treatment, minor burns and scalds, or a condition that would normally be treated at a GP Practice but the practice is closed, or the patient can't get an appointment as early as they liked
- An Emergency Centre at Calderdale Royal Hospital for patients with life threatening injuries or illnesses such as loss of consciousness, severe chest pain or severe bleeding
- A Paediatric Emergency Centre at Calderdale Royal Hospital, which for the first time, would bring together all medical and surgical services for children onto one site
- A brand new purpose-built hospital for routine procedures and operations that don't need to be done as an emergency on the Acre Mills site at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, with 120 beds and 10 operating theatres

Consultant-led maternity services would continue to be provided at Calderdale Royal Hospital, and there would be two Midwife-Led Units - one at Calderdale Royal Hospital and one at Acre Mills, Huddersfield and more focus on strengthening community based services.

More services would be provided from GP surgeries and health centres, including some services which have previously been provided in hospital including routine outpatient appointments and diagnostic tests.

Clinical Chair of NHS Greater Huddersfield Clinical Commissioning Group, Dr Steve Ollerton, said:

“The proposed changes are all about providing safer, better, clinical services appropriate for modern health care. Under the proposed changes, there would be significant investment in our hospitals and more services provided from GP surgeries and health centres.”

Clinical Chair of NHS Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group, Dr Alan Brook, said:

“We believe that the proposed changes, developed by senior doctors and nurses, will make the best use of available resources and will help us to deliver safe, high quality services in our hospitals and in our communities for years to come.”

The consultation document, summary and survey are available at www.rightcaretimeplace.co.uk or by calling 01484 464212 or texting 07771 334724.

Copies of the consultation materials will also be available in GP practices, hospitals, pharmacies and libraries.

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CONSULTATION INFORMATION SESSIONS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

Dates - 2016	Time	Venue	Event
Wednesday, 16 March	14:00 - 20:00	The Basement, Slaithwaite Town Hall, Cross Street HD7 5AF	Information Session (Drop-in)
Thursday, 17 March	14:00 - 20:00	St Paul's Methodist Church, Sowerby Bridge, HX6 2EQ	Information Session (Drop-in)
Wednesday, 30 March	14:00 - 20:00	Shelley College (New Hall), Shelley , HD8 8NL	Information Session (Drop-in)
Tuesday, 05 April	14:00 - 20:00	Town Hall, Hebden Bridge, HX7 7BY	Information Session (Drop-in)
Thursday, 14 April	18:00 – 20:00	North Bridge Leisure Centre, Halifax, HX3 6TE	Public meeting
Saturday, 16 April	10:00 - 16:00	Paddock Junior and Infant School, Paddock, HD1 4JJ	Information Session (Drop-in)
Monday, 18 April	18:00 – 20:00	John Smith's Stadium, Huddersfield, HD1 6PG	Public meeting
Wednesday, 20 April	14:00 - 20:00	Central Methodist Church, Todmorden, OL14 5AW	Information Session (Drop-in)
Thursday, 21 April	14:00 - 20:00	DRAM Centre, Dalton, HD5 9RP	Information Session (Drop-in)
Thursday, 28 April	14:00 - 20:00	Reinwood Community Changing Rooms (FOCAL), New Hey Road, HD3 4DD	Information Session (Drop-in)
Saturday, 30 April	10:00 - 16:00	Civic Hall, Brighouse, HD6 1RW	Information Session (Drop-in)
Tuesday, 03 May	14:00 - 20:00	Threeways Centre (Old Ridings School), Ovenden, HX3 5SW	Information Session (Drop-in)
Tuesday, 10 May	14:00 - 20:00	Holmfirth Civic Hall, Huddersfield Rd , HD9 3AS	Information Session (Drop-in)
Saturday, 14 May	10:00 - 16:00	Textile Centre, Red Doles Lane, Leeds Road, HD2 1YF	Information Session (Drop-in)
Wednesday, 18 May	14:00 - 20:00	Orangebox, Halifax, HX1 1AF	Information Session (Drop-in)
Thursday, 26 May	14:00 - 20:00	Fartown Village Hall, Fartown, HD2 1AN	Information Session (Drop-in)
Wednesday, 01 June	14:00 - 20:00	Clay House, Greetland, HX4 8AN	Information Session (Drop-in)

All venues are disabled friendly. Anyone who has additional access needs such as British Sign Language (BSL), language interpreter or other, or who wants to check the venue meets their needs, should contact 01484 464212 or email rctrp.myview@nhs.net.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

- NHS Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and NHS Greater Huddersfield CCG are leading the Right Care, Right Time, Right Place public consultation.
- The public consultation runs from Tuesday March 15th until Tuesday June 21st 2016.
- The views of patients, members of the public, NHS staff, partner organisations and interested parties are being sought
- A series of information sessions and public meetings will be taking place over the consultation period where people can find out more about the proposals, ask questions and give their views.
- During the consultation the NHS will describe why they believe that change is necessary and improve understanding about the need for change. The consultation is also an opportunity to test out whether there are other ideas that the CCGs have not considered.
- No final decisions will be made until the CCGs have concluded consultation and have properly considered the information gathered through consultation
- During that time, the CCGs will work within the Joint Overview and Scrutiny arrangements operating across the councils of Calderdale and Kirklees to make sure that they have satisfied their requirements and enabled them to fulfil their duties.
- The CCGs believe that the earliest that they will be in a position to make a final decision will be October 2016.