



Unscheduled Care.....a proposal for a remodelled system

Dear Sir/Madam

NHS Southampton, NHS Hampshire, NHS Isle of Wight and NHS Portsmouth, also known as 'SHIP', have worked together to produce a draft strategy for remodelling and improving unscheduled care across Hampshire and the island.

We have produced the strategy using a wealth of information, research and clinical evidence from our locality, south central and nationally. We want to focus on preventative care and planned care while providing a strong, clinically effective model for urgent care when needed.

The aim is to deliver the best quality services for the public through an integrated system that is simple to use, delivers the best outcomes and is financially sustainable.

It is in line with future reorganisation plans for the NHS, to be primary care led and aims to provide a balance between centralised services and local models. Importantly, one strand of this strategy is 'major trauma', which is subject to a separate consultation across South Central, to interlink with the overarching unscheduled care proposals.

This initial engagement is about discussing the ideas included in the strategy about what services could look like in the future, not necessarily how it will be delivered in each area at this stage. It is not a formal consultation to determine a specific reconfiguration, it is to discuss the concepts of delivering better unscheduled care services.

We attach an initial summary of the proposals for your consideration before the strategy document is available in early August. We would appreciate your comments and views to incorporate into the draft document. We will also be sending this information out to wider stakeholders, including GPs and PbC leads, at the end of this week for their initial comments.

The draft strategy will be distributed for comment following July, 30 2010, in the meantime we would like to begin discussions. If you would like to provide feedback, ask questions or arrange a meeting or presentation please do contact me at david.paynton@scpct.nhs.uk

With best regards

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