

NEWS RELEASE

[with pics: Anne Cass and Dr Alan Brook at the Brighouse Information session; Dr Nigel Taylor and Carol Machell at the Todmorden Information session]

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INFORMATION SESSIONS ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO HEALTH SERVICES

Hundreds of people have attended information sessions across Calderdale and Greater Huddersfield to find out about the proposed changes to hospital and community health services.

The sessions are an opportunity for people to have a direct conversation with hospital consultants, General Practitioners, nurses and NHS staff, and ask their individual questions.

More events are planned in the area over the coming weeks:

Dates - 2016	Time	Venue – Information session
Tuesday, 10 May	14:00 - 20:00	Holmfirth Civic Hall, Huddersfield Rd , HD9 3AS
Saturday, 14 May	10:00 - 16:00	Textile Centre, Red Doles Lane, Leeds Road, HD2 1YF
Wednesday, 18 May	14:00 - 20:00	Orangebox, Halifax, HX1 1AF
Thursday, 26 May	14:00 - 20:00	Fartown Village Hall, Fartown, HD2 1AN
Wednesday, 01 June	14:00 - 20:00	Clay House, Greetland, HX4 8AN

The sessions run for six hours, and people are welcome to call in at a convenient time.

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 rcrtrp.myview@nhs.net.

Under the proposed changes, there would be an Urgent Care Centre at a new state of the art hospital on the Acre Mills site, Huddersfield Royal Infirmary and one at Calderdale Royal Hospital. All emergency, acute and high risk planned care would be brought together at Calderdale Royal Hospital. The new Huddersfield hospital would be developed as a hospital for planned care, which includes routine operations like hip and knee replacements and other non-emergency procedures.

The proposed new model of care is supported by further strengthening community services, reducing the need for hospital admission.

Dr Alan Brook, a General Practitioner in Brighouse and Chair of NHS Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group said: "There are many people in our local communities who will directly be affected by the proposals who have not yet taken part in the consultation. The information sessions are an opportunity for us to have productive conversations with people and listen to their views."

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

Members of the public, patients and staff have until June 21 to make their views known.

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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.