

NEWS RELEASE

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ANIMATION PAINTS A PICTURE OF PROPOSALS FOR URGENT AND EMERGENCY CARE IN CALDERDALE AND GREATER HUDDERSFIELD

NHS Greater Huddersfield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and NHS Calderdale CCG are asking people to give their views on proposed changes to hospital and community health services as part of a public consultation. An animation has been published helping to explain the proposed arrangements for Emergency, Acute and Urgent Care, should the proposals go ahead.

The animation has been uploaded to the Right Care Right Time Right Place website, www.rightcaretimeplace.co.uk and YouTube <https://youtu.be/Cb0vSe-Q3Ok>, to help explain some of the proposals in an easily understood way.

The animation explains that under the proposed changes, there would be two Urgent Care Centres – one at Calderdale Royal Hospital and one on the Acre Mills site, Huddersfield. All emergency, acute and high risk planned care would be brought together at Calderdale Royal Hospital (CRH) and the Acre Mills, Huddersfield, site would be developed as a hospital dedicated to planned care. The proposed new model of care is supported by further strengthening community services.

People can have their say by completing a survey available on the Right Care Right Time Right Place website, www.rightcaretimeplace.co.uk where key information about the proposals is also available.

There are still opportunities for the public to learn more about the proposed changes at drop-in information sessions, where they can view displays, videos and talk directly to NHS staff.

Clinical chair of NHS Greater Huddersfield CCG, Dr Steve Ollerton, said: “It is very important to us that we listen to peoples’ views on these proposed changes. One of the main ways we can do this is to ask people to complete the Have your Say survey, where they can let us know what they think of the proposals and tell us if they think we have missed anything.”

Clinical chair of NHS Calderdale CCG, Dr Alan Brook, said: “The health service faces significant challenges and we are proposing changes which we believe would result in the greatest overall benefits for people living across Calderdale and Huddersfield.

“The proposed changes are significant and we need to explain them as well as simply as we can. The animation is a good way to show what the proposals would mean.”

Notes:

The consultation document, summary, and survey 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.

FUTURE CONSULTATION INFORMATION SESSIONS

Dates - 2016	Time	Venue	Event
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)

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