

Better Care Closer to Home



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Welcome

Welcome to the third operational update for Better Care Closer to Home (BCCTH). The aim of BCCTH is to provide more care closer to home specifically for:

- Older people receiving inpatient care in a community hospital, usually following a spell in an acute hospital because of an illness or accident, and
- Older people with dementia who currently receive services in community hospitals.

The roll out of clinically proven models of home-based care in northern Derbyshire is part of a national move to provide more care at the right time and in the right place.

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Key points to note from this operational update

The Walton inpatient OPMH unit increased its bed numbers from 24 to 30 from 10 April following a successful recruitment programme.

Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Dementia Rapid Response Team (DRRT) begins operation.

Rowsley Ward at Newholme Hospital, Bakewell, closed on 13 April to make way for new models of care.

Supporting older people with mental health needs

Walton Hospital

The bed numbers at Walton's Melbourne and Linacre OPMH unit increased from 24 to 30 beds on 10 April, working as a single specialist unit for older people's inpatient mental healthcare. The increase follows the successful recruitment of specialist mental health nursing staff. This follows a period of temporary reduction due to staffing levels. The beds are now at the level planned for in the consultation so no further changes are scheduled.

Day unit services

We've mentioned in previous editions that one of the aims of Better Care Closer to Home is to make it easier for people with early dementia to gain access to some of the dementia services currently provided in 'day units' by moving them into the community. That way they'll be provided nearer to, or in, the patient's home.

Working closely with commissioning leads and colleagues who deliver services in the south of the county, Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust (DCHS) has now developed a workable model for delivery of the 'Living Well With Dementia' programme, cognitive stimulation therapy and care for some older adults with functional needs who will benefit from treatment within a group. Transition to the new ways of working will begin shortly.

The complex initial assessment for patients is currently provided at both Moorfield (Bolsover) and Lea Hurst (Chesterfield) units, and as we look to consolidate some of the 'on-site' dementia services this will now be provided solely from Lea Hurst. This move will ensure we can maintain existing high quality assessments as some of our OPMH specialists from Moorfield begin to take up new roles in the Chesterfield, Bolsover and North East Derbyshire DRRT. More updates on this below. New locations will be found for the other OPMH services currently being delivered at Moorfields at Bolsover in advance of the site closure.

Dementia Rapid Response Team

As reported in previous issues, the Dementia Rapid Response Team (DRRT), provided by Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, is now being extended to northern Derbyshire.

The DRRT is a community-based service that aims to improve the health and wellbeing of people with dementia at times of crisis, by delivering rapid assessment and intensive support. By providing support in people's homes, the team aims to reduce the need for admission into specialist dementia hospital beds, reducing the disruption and confusion that can be created by hospital admission.

The service is being delivered in two phases, with a team for the High Peak and North Dales and a team for Chesterfield, Bolsover and North East Derbyshire.

- The High Peak and North Dales team, which commenced in February 2018, currently have the final few members of staff from the first round of recruitment coming into post. They continue to provide timely, intensive support to enable people to be cared for outside of hospital and thereby improve quality of life. They are also forging links into the local community and have just finalised arrangements for a further touch-down space/working area at Buxton's Cavendish Hospital owned by DCHS, in order to minimise required travel between patients. They continue to be supported by skilled

staff from the DRRT operating in southern Derbyshire which is also provided by Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

- The Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire DRRT commenced on 3 April with a small team of nurses and an Occupational Therapist. The team is recruiting into two remaining posts and colleagues are going through an induction process, spending time with the High Peak and North Dales team and the established DRRTs in the south of Derbyshire as well as making local links.
- Both the High Peak and North Dales team and the Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire team are now in the next phase of recruitment as further Band 6, 5 and 3 nursing posts were advertised in April.

Find out more about the Dementia Rapid Response Team

For more information about the Dementia Rapid Response Team see

www.derbyshirehealthcareft.nhs.uk/services/mental-health/drrt/north-derbyshire-drrt

Referrals

GPs are asked to liaise with their local Community Mental Health Team to discuss any potential referrals to either the DRRT or Walton Hospital.

Community rehabilitation

Community Support Beds

'Place' groups have now made recommendations as to where they think community support beds could be located across the patch and commissioners are looking into the viability of the various options. They are working to agree a standardised level of service for all community support beds to ensure an equitable service across the patch.

What do we mean by 'Place'

As part of Joined Up Care Derbyshire (the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership for Derbyshire), Derbyshire has been divided into a number of smaller areas known as 'Places'. In these different Places members of the public are working together with health and social care professionals to agree priorities and ensure services are tailored and targeted to the local community.

Rowsley Ward, Newholme Hospital

DCHS has been successfully recruiting to and developing its community-based teams in the High Peak and Dales locality which means the planned reduction of inpatient beds at Bakewell's Rowsley Ward has taken place with the ward closing on 13 April, making way for new models of care.

The planned closure is designed to provide more care closer to home and out of traditional hospital settings. The ward offered rehabilitation for older patients following a spell in an acute hospital. William Jones, Chief Operating Officer for Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust, said:

“I’d like to commend the professionalism of our brilliant team at Rowsley Ward. Throughout the transition period I’ll continue to offer the team my full support as they move into their new roles caring for the same cohort of patients. In no way does this move detract from the excellent care the team have delivered to their patients over the years. Their individual skills and experience will continue to be vital to us as we provide more care closer to home and away from traditional hospital settings.

“We are expanding our community-based teams in the Dales area and this is a model of care proven to deliver better outcomes for patients. We are committed to ensuring that our services remain safe and high quality while managing this transition.”

At the same time Oker Ward in Darley Dale has increased its bed capacity up to 22 to help manage demand during this transition period, as we move towards delivering more care closer to home and bring further community support beds online.

Four community support beds are already operating at Derbyshire County Council’s Meadow View facility, adjacent to Whitworth Hospital, with health and social care commissioners working towards opening a total of eight community support beds from July, serving the Dales locality.

Rehabilitation Ward at Chesterfield Royal Hospital

Estates experts from Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust continue to work with clinicians and operational managers on the design of the proposed bedded rehabilitation ward at Chesterfield Royal Hospital that was agreed as part of Better Care Closer to Home. The team is working to national guidelines and aim to ensure that facilities are on a par with those currently provided in community hospitals. This has been a more complex piece of work than was anticipated and the team are currently working through the implications of some of the challenges they have come up against. The output of this work is being monitored and reviewed by both the Better Care Closer to Home implementation team and board. The implementation board will be presented with an update on this work at their May meeting which will be reported to Governing Bodies.

Fenton Ward, Cavendish Hospital

The position at Fenton Ward remains unchanged since the previous bulletin. The ward will continue to operate in its current form until Buxton’s planned community support beds are in place and operating effectively. At that point, Fenton Ward will reduce its bed numbers down to eight.

A new Derbyshire County Council development in Buxton called ‘Thomas Fields’ is underway and scheduled for completion later in 2018. We anticipate that this will provide suitable accommodation for community support beds in the area.

Bolsover Hospital update

DCHS colleagues continue to make plans for their alternative accommodation to house the services still being delivered at Bolsover. They are working closely with other partners and agencies who also deliver services on the site. Existing services will continue to be delivered on site for the time being. The site is set to close its doors by the end of August.

Feedback

We welcome feedback on the content of this update. If you have any comments, or queries regarding the BCCTH programme, please contact robertsteel1@nhs.net (communications lead) or kate.brown12@nhs.net (BCCTH programme lead).

More information

For more information about Better Care Closer to Home see:

www.northderbyshireccg.nhs.uk/better-care-closer-to-home
www.hardwickccg.nhs.uk/better-care-closer-to-home

Previous bulletins

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