

Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee

Dorset County Council



Date of Meeting	7 March 2019
Officer	Sophie Jordan, Divisional Manager, Family Services and Surgical Division, Dorset County Hospital
Subject of Report	Update regarding the repatriation of specific activity from Bridport Community Hospital
Executive Summary	<p>This report provides a brief update regarding the on-going consultation with stakeholders regarding proposals to relocate some specific services from Bridport Community Hospital to Dorset County Hospital and Blandford Community Hospital.</p> <p>These proposals are being developed jointly by Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust.</p>
Impact Assessment:	<p>Equalities Impact Assessment: Report provided by Dorset County Hospital and Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust.</p> <p>Use of Evidence: Report provided by Dorset County Hospital and Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust.</p> <p>Budget: Not applicable for Dorset County Council.</p> <p>Risk Assessment:</p> <p>Having considered the risks associated with this decision using the County Council's approved risk management methodology, the level of risk has been identified as: Current Risk: LOW (for DCC) Residual Risk: LOW (for DCC)</p>

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	Other Implications: None
Recommendation	That the Committee note and comment on the update.
Reason for Recommendation	To fulfil the Committee's role as a consultee when there are proposed variations to the provision of health services in the area.
Appendices	None.
Background Papers	Report to Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee, 17 October 2018 (Agenda item 42): Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee, 17 Oct 2018
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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides an update for the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee, following a briefing report on 17 October 2018 outlining proposed changes to the delivery of day case activities at Bridport Community Hospital. Since October the scope of activities included within the proposals has been expanded.

2 Engagement

- 2.1 Dorset County Hospital and Dorset HealthCare Trust continue to work on the engagement programme with local Bridport stakeholders. Two events will be held in March involving local residents, the League of Friends, Bridport Transport Action Group and a number of other key stakeholders. This will provide an opportunity for individuals to voice concerns or suggestions to improve the implementation of repatriation of specific activity from Bridport Hospital to Dorset County Hospital, which consists of Lithotripsy (the treatment of kidney stones using ultrasound shock waves) and Cystoscopy (a procedure that looks inside the bladder for diagnostic purposes) services. The total quantum of activity (for Lithotripsy and Cystoscopy services) remains approximately 1,500 cases per year, delivered at alternative locations. The amalgamation of staff and equipment provides an opportunity to increase capacity and reduce the waiting lists within the same resource.

3 Gastroscopy Services

- 3.1 In light of the above and to ensure an integrated approach, it is also proposed to include the permanent relocation of Gastroscopy services to Dorset County Hospital

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(approximately 350 patients per annum), which, due to national requirements, need to be connected to a national database and have been temporarily relocated to Dorchester from Bridport since April 2018.

- 3.2 All of these procedures use endoscopes that require decontamination using an endoscope washer and therefore should be considered together to ensure the most effective use of resources. Best practice for endoscopy services is to be provided in a JAG (Joint Advisory Group) accredited service which meets a stringent set of national standards. Dorset County Hospital is a JAG accredited services.

4 Musculoskeletal Pain Services

- 4.1 To increase the overall offer to patient engagement, we will also look at the enhancement of new Pain list at Dorchester, provided jointly by Dorset County Hospital and Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust, by the relocation of the monthly Pan Dorset MSK (Musculoskeletal) list (approximately 90 patients per annum) from Bridport to Blandford Community Hospital. This will not only make it more centrally located for patients who travel from across the county, but will also free up specialist equipment to support the Pain list for patients.

5 Summary

- 5.1 In summary, the engagement seeks to involve stakeholders in the relocation of some services and enhancing the provision of a new Pain Service, increasing the overall offer to patients. General surgery and vasectomy services will continue to be provided at Bridport Community Hospital.