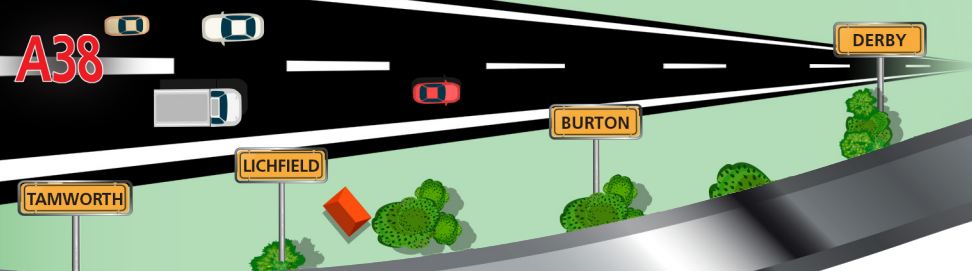


Burton & Derby Collaboration Update

A route to high quality sustainable services



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Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of our newsletter aiming to keep you informed about how Burton Hospitals and Derby Teaching Hospitals are planning to work more closely together. You may have heard about this collaboration during the summer, and now seems a good time to update everyone on our progress and future plans.

Burton and Derby Hospitals have a history of successful joint working, and during 2016 discussions took place about developing this further.

These discussions aimed to answer three key questions:

- *Would a partnership between Burton and Derby improve the quality and scope of services for both populations?*
- *Would a partnership improve the financial position of both hospitals?*
- *What type of partnership would be the best way to deliver these improvements?*

A document called a Strategic Outline Case was agreed by both hospitals in October 2016.

This set out the reasons for the proposed partnership, the benefits for staff and patients, the financial implications, and the preferred options for the type of partnership. The next step is to look into the proposal in more detail, and produce an Outline Business Case to be submitted to the Boards of both organisations for consideration in April 2017. If this is agreed, a Final Business Case will be developed for consideration in July 2017.

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Why collaborate?

Like much of the NHS across the country, both hospital Trusts are facing a number of challenges relating to finance, staff and increasing demand for our services. Despite the passion, commitment and hard work of our staff, these challenges cannot be solved in isolation and we want to look for a solution that will improve what we can offer patients locally and enable us to operate on a firmer footing in the years to come.

In Burton, our relatively small size means it is difficult to stay properly sustainable by ourselves, as clinical practice becomes more and more specialised. We want to retain our core services, such as A&E and Intensive Care, whilst also looking to the future and what different services we may provide across our local communities of Burton, Lichfield, Tamworth and the surrounding areas.

In Derby, we need to ensure that some of the more specialised services we offer, such as cancer treatments and specialised heart and spinal services will continue to be commissioned by NHS England. For that to happen, we need to offer these services to as large a population as possible.

Both Trusts face challenges on waiting times in A&E, and for some orthopaedic and cancer treatments, as well as significant financial challenges and some recruitment issues. So it makes sense for us to explore ways to work together, and differently, to improve the quality of care we offer, whilst also making savings. As part of this, we also want to look at how we can best use our combined buildings and facilities.

While these are all significant challenges, we believe that by working more closely together we have a much better chance of addressing and overcoming them, for the benefit of our combined local populations.

Project timeline

Key milestone	Date
Outline Business Case	April 2017
Final Business Case	July 2017



Benefits for patients and staff

The potential benefits of bringing the two Trusts together are significant and exciting. A closer collaboration or partnership would allow us to:

- Share learning and best practice across staff at the two organisations, meaning patients benefit from continual improvements in care;
- Secure high quality services in Burton for the longer-term;
- Provide Derby's specialist services to a larger population, so more people benefit;
- Make better use of our community hospitals in Tamworth, Lichfield and Derby, tailoring services to those specific population needs;
- Better support the national initiative called Sustainability and Transformation Plans which cover Staffordshire and Derbyshire;
- Reduce unnecessary duplication, so that we can focus on providing the best care and services and not doing things twice, allowing us to use our valuable resources in a better and more cost-effective way.





How you can get involved

Both Trusts are very keen to make sure that our staff, patients, their families and carers are involved in the development of the potential partnership. If the Outline Business Case is approved in April, we will want local people to help us to develop the care pathways for a number of specialties that involve closer working between Burton and Derby Hospitals. This means looking at our vision for future services and how we could improve clinical outcomes and patient experience.

We are looking at a number of different clinical specialties, for example Orthopaedics (relating to bones and muscles), Breast Screening, Stroke, Urgent Care and Cardiology (heart disease). This is a broad and evolving list.

We therefore want to identify people who have experience or are interested in local health services, and ideally come into contact with lots of people in their day to day life either in person or through social

media. You could be an active member of a Patient Participation Group, HealthWatch, the Women's Institute, a member of a Community Centre Management Committee, local community advocate, a hospital volunteer, an NHS worker, a school governor or any other relevant role. You might meet lots of people through your place of worship or run a lunch club or Parent and Toddler Group. Your experiences as a patient, family member, visitor, or carer, are incredibly valuable to us as we think about the next steps in this process.

The details of the level of involvement will become clearer as we review the care pathways in these specialties, but we wanted to make an early start to ensure that we are ready for April. However, this is likely to be a long term commitment involving a number of meetings and workshops, as we want to make this a meaningful exercise.

For those interested in being involved in this important work, we will be holding two informal interactive workshops in March so that you can find out more about getting

involved and we can talk to you about whether you may be a good fit for the programme.

You don't need to be an expert - we just want to hear about your experiences and suggestions and we will talk with you about the process and offer you some helpful tips on getting involved with your local health service.

While the workshops will be focused on the eventual development of a Patient Reference Group for the planned collaboration work, we will also talk with you about other ways you can get involved with your local hospitals. For example, you may wish to join our reading panel for helping us develop clearer communications and patient information leaflets.

We are also developing different ways for staff at both Burton Hospitals and Derby Teaching Hospitals to be fully involved. Information will be published on this shortly.



Details of how to get involved

There will be two workshops for information on how you can get involved in this project.

Workshop one:

Wednesday, 22 March: Lecture Theatre, Royal Derby Hospital, Derby, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Workshop two:

Thursday, 30 March: Medical Education Centre, Queen's Hospital, Burton, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

To register and take part, please contact Nestar Goode:

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We will need your:

- Name
- Email address
- Phone number
- Which workshop you would like to attend
- Any access requirements

The closing date for registering is Friday, 10 March, but as places are limited you are advised to register as soon as possible.

Travel expenses will be reimbursed and light refreshments available.

