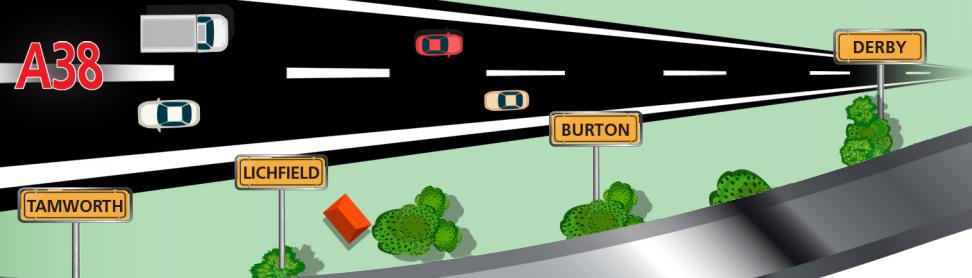


Burton & Derby Collaboration Update

A route to high quality sustainable services



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Welcome

Welcome to the third issue of our newsletter aiming to keep you informed about how Burton Hospitals and Derby Teaching Hospitals are planning to work more closely together. 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?*

The two Trusts are now looking at the proposals in more detail, and both Trusts are currently reviewing the Outline Business Case, aiming to make a decision and share that information in June, following the General Election. There are restrictions placed on public sector announcements that deal with significant strategy or policy matters during the run-up to the election, which means that we are waiting until post-June 8th.

If the Outline Business Case is approved in June, we will be sharing information and having conversations with the public, our staff and other stakeholders to make sure they are fully informed about the next steps.

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Bringing the best together for patients and staff

Our closer collaboration is all about improving and enhancing local services for patients and staff. By working together we can bring the best that each Trust has to offer all patients. This includes a commitment to retaining Queen's Hospital as a vibrant district general hospital and improving local services in Burton, as well as offering opportunities to staff who want to grow and thrive in their healthcare careers.

Clinicians from Burton and Derby have been working closely together at a series of workshops to develop future services in a number of priority clinical areas. In the last newsletter, we looked at areas such as pharmacy and cardiology. In this issue, we take a look at another two key areas and talk to the managers of those services to show how patients and staff could benefit from the collaboration.



Improved Endoscopy service will ensure timely care

A joined-up endoscopy service for the populations served by Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust would provide patients with a service delivered across all three sites (Derby, Burton and Tamworth).

An endoscopy is a procedure where the inside of your body is examined using an instrument called an endoscope. An endoscope is a long, thin, flexible tube that has a light source and camera at one end. Images of the inside of your body are relayed to a television screen. An endoscopy can be used to investigate symptoms such as difficulty swallowing (dysphagia), persistent abdominal pain, persistent nausea and vomiting and unexplained weight loss.

"Burton and Derby already work very well together for bowel screening, which benefits our patients. A single service will offer patients a better choice of location for their diagnostic procedure and means we will have a larger pool of staff so we can share ideas and best practice," says Janina Barnett, Operational Manager at Burton Hospitals.

"This would give patients more choice, enhance training opportunities for staff and ensure we provide a more consistent service across all sites," adds Jane McEvoy, Endoscopy Manager at Derby Teaching Hospitals.

Developing an outstanding Orthopaedic service for patients

Clinicians from both Trusts have been working closely together to plan how the efficiency and quality of care that Burton and Derby patients receive from Orthopaedic services, which include procedures such as hip and knee replacements, can be improved over the coming years.

Orthopaedic referrals are increasing and both trusts have to transfer activity to other surrounding acute care providers, including private sector providers, in order to deal with demand. Currently, Burton patients sometimes have to travel to other providers to receive specialist surgery (including spinal and specialist hand surgery).

“We are currently working on plans for the 2017/18 financial year to maximise usage of our theatre and outpatients facilities both at Burton Queen’s Hospital and at Sir Robert Peel Community Hospital, and further exploring how colleagues from Derby could help us deliver services from these locations,” says Steven Peck, General Manager, Surgery at Burton Hospitals.

Orthopaedic services at Sir Robert Peel Community Hospital have recently been expanded by the clinical team from Queen’s Hospital and a specialised Spine outpatient service also commences in May 2017, which is being provided by clinicians from Derby.

“In May 2017 a second Spinal surgeon from Derby commenced providing outpatient services at Burton,” adds Guy Tuxford, General Manager, Orthopaedic, at Derby Teaching Hospitals. “We also have a Derby foot and ankle surgeon undertaking day case surgery from the Burton Treatment Centre which is providing the local population with much-needed day case theatre capacity.”



Workshops champion the Patient Voice

We are keen to make sure that staff, governors, patients, their families and carers have a direct say in helping us to shape the future. So, two patient workshops were held in March as a clear demonstration of our commitment to ensuring patients have a strong voice in the development of our potential partnership.

More than 50 people, including patients, staff and governors, attended the workshops which took place on 22 March at Royal Derby Hospital and on 30 March at Burton Queen’s Hospital. There were lively round table discussions on how to ensure the patient voice shapes future services. A key part of the discussions was how patients and clinicians can best work together.

People took part in special ‘rapid fire’ sessions to find out more about the clinical ‘deep dives’ that are taking place in eleven key areas such as radiology, stroke and cardiology. These sessions highlighted that there was a broad range of people interested in different clinical areas.

We are keen to maintain a close dialogue with everyone who attended the workshops and will continue to listen to their views. If the Outline Business Case is approved in June, people will then be selected to join the Patient Reference Group for the various specialties.

Governors play a key role

Governors from both Trusts are fully engaged in determining the future plans of the two Trusts and continue to play a key role in the collaboration discussions.

Your Governors ensure that the view of members, as well as those of the wider community, is represented appropriately. They meet with people in their local community or staff group, to help report back on what happens at Council of Governors meetings, and to listen to ideas and opinions from members of the public and staff.

“Governors have been involved in the discussions around collaboration from the start,” says Beverley Martin, Lead Governor for Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. “Chairman John Rivers has been even handed in his approach to the Trusts and we have been provided with plenty of relevant information. This has enabled us to formulate a clear idea of pathways and process, including workshops, and the staff, patient and clinical reference groups.”

“Patients are our priority as Governors and we have a strong say in the ongoing dialogue,” says Bernard Peters, Lead Governor for Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. “There has been an open and honest debate in our regular meetings with the Board as we strive to ensure that the interests of the patients remain paramount.”



Beverley Martin, Lead Governor for Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Members are encouraged to forward their views and opinions to:

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Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust: - dhft.membership@nhs.net, or write to Membership Services, Trust Headquarters, Level 5, Royal Derby Hospital, Uttoxeter Road, Derby DE22 3NE.



Bernard Peters, Lead Governor for Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Next Steps

The two Trusts are now looking at the proposals in more detail, and both Trusts are currently reviewing the Outline Business Case, aiming to make a decision and share that information in June, following the General Election. Work will continue in the interim on essential joint clinical discussions – these would be happening regardless of any formal collaboration as both Trusts look to work together more closely.

If the Outline Business Case is approved in June, we will be sharing information and having conversations with the public, our staff and other stakeholders to make sure they are fully informed about the next steps.

