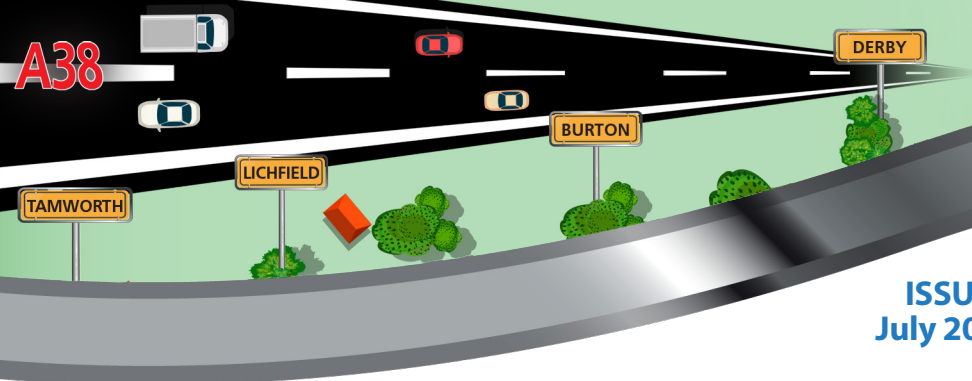


Burton & Derby Collaboration Update

A route to high quality sustainable services



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Welcome

Welcome to the fourth 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 boards of Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust have now approved the Outline Business Case for a proposed merger between the two organisations.

The Outline Business Case has been published and is available at www.burtonderbycollaboration.co.uk

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Towards Outstanding

We have reached a significant milestone in our journey to delivering outstanding health care for our patients in Derbyshire and Staffordshire and we look forward to developing these plans for the proposed merger over the coming months in partnership with our governors, staff and the local populations we serve.

Both Trusts are facing a number of challenges relating to staff, sustainability of some clinical services and finances. A closer collaboration would help to retain a vibrant district general hospital in Burton, secure specialist services in Derby for a wider population, and ensure appropriate and relevant use of our community hospitals facilities.

The Outline Business Case which the Boards of both Trusts have now approved is the product of an intensive programme of work delivered in partnership to set out a vision for how we can bring the best together for patients and staff.

The proposed merger would mean that both Trusts would be able to make some savings through sharing good practice, removing duplication and reorganising and developing certain services. However, this is only part of the story. Our key aims are to improve the quality of the care we offer patients, and to improve the health of our local populations by dealing effectively with the challenges we face on a daily basis.

Both Trusts are playing a pivotal role in their Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) in both Derbyshire and Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. By working in partnership across our acute services we aim to reduce the costs per population and ensure there is a greater consistency of care for patients.

We have been hugely impressed by the spirit in which teams from both Trusts have worked together to explore how we can deliver better care for the communities we serve and we are now working together to develop the full business case, which will be developed with engagement and input from staff, governors, patients and the public, over the coming months. So, your views are very important to us. This Full Business Case will then be considered by both Trust boards later this year.

Our Outline Business Case is available at www.burtonderbycollaboration.co.uk

John Rivers, Chair

Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust



A significant step in sustaining and improving hospital services

The approval of the Outline Business Case is a significant step forward in achieving sustainable, high quality local services across Burton, Lichfield and Tamworth. This is a partnership which provides us with a really good opportunity to improve and enhance local services.

For Queen's Hospital in Burton, our fundamental principle is that we will retain a vibrant district general hospital in the town, keeping and improving the core services we offer as part of that, including our A&E. We have continued to invest in frontline services at Burton with a significant programme of ward refurbishment in the last eight months, and new service offerings launched over winter. These include the new Surgical and Paediatric Assessment Units that form part of our emergency care offer, and that are benefiting patients every

day. We also have a rolling programme of capital investment in a range of services and equipment, such as a new CT scanner recently purchased.

In Lichfield and Tamworth, there will be an opportunity for our community hospitals facilities to offer some different services that are more relevant locally. These services will result in us working more closely than ever with our local GPs. We want to offer more diagnostic work and specialist outpatients, as well as more day case procedures. We are also looking at our local urgent care services, including the role of our Minor Injuries Units and better alignment with local GPs, as part of the Staffordshire STP work across the county.

Helen Scott South
Chief Executive
Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust



Passionate about high quality patient care

We firmly believe that by working together we can ensure a strong future for local healthcare. Both Trusts are passionate about providing quality services locally. We are entering into this partnership as true equals and hope to bring the best of the two Trusts to a wider population across East and South Staffordshire and Southern Derbyshire and Derby.

For Derby Hospitals, the proposed collaboration means access to a wider population base, enabling us to sustain and extend specialist services, such as cancer surgery and spinal services, with clear benefits to local people across Derbyshire and Staffordshire.

In Derby, there will be opportunities to better use our community hospital at London Road to become a focus for the new models of care centred on the place people live, which are being developed as part of the Sustainability and Transformation Plans in Derbyshire and Staffordshire.

The partnership will also enable Derby Teaching Hospitals to deliver specialist services, such as spinal services and cancer surgery, to a wider catchment population which will include people in Staffordshire and Derbyshire.

We will be able to share learning and best practice, improving the quality of services and making our hospitals more attractive to new staff, as well as empowering our staff to continually improve, increasing the positive impact they have on patients.

Together, we are exploring how we deliver corporate services efficiently, effectively and at scale, freeing up more money for front-line patient care, whilst ensuring high quality support services.

Gavin Boyle
Chief Executive
**Derby Teaching Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust**



Get the latest from our new website

You can get the latest news on our collaboration and find out more about the benefits at our new website at www.burtonderbycollaboration.co.uk. Here, you can watch an animated video which shows how our developing partnership is good news for patients. You can also download a copy of the Outline Business Case, read more about the case for change and find out how you can get involved and offer us your feedback.

Please tell us what you think about the new site as your feedback is important in ensuring that we can provide everyone with the information that they need in the most effective and informative way.



Helping us shape the future

We are continuing to look at ways of ensuring that staff, governors, patients, their families and carers have a direct say in helping us to shape the future. Based on the feedback received from people who attended the two workshop sessions in March, we are currently exploring the most effective ways of how patients and clinicians can work together to shape future services.

Let us know your thoughts and questions about the proposed merger by going to our joint website and sending us some feedback:

www.burtonderbycollaboration.co.uk

Next Steps

A Full Business Case will now be developed, with engagement and input from staff, governors, patients and the public, over the coming months. The Full Business Case will then be considered by both Trust boards later this year.

The Trusts are seeking to build a partnership of equals that will provide sustainable hospital services for patients and their families.

