

HEALTH SERVICES FOR SUDBURY



Information for the people of Sudbury

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SUDBURY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

I am pleased to bring you up to date with plans for our new hospital in Sudbury. It is my privilege to Chair the group that is planning the hospital, which is a partnership between the West Suffolk Hospitals Trust, Bury St Edmunds Primary Care Group, Local Health Partnerships Trust, Suffolk Social Services, Suffolk Health Authority and local GPs. We are all committed to the development and look forward to the day when it opens on the Peoples Park site.

Latest plans for the hospital estimate that it will open in early 2004. This will disappoint many local people as we had hoped to open by late 2003. However, it is nearer to being built than ever before, but there is no doubt that the scheme has taken longer than we would like.

Slight slippage to the programme has occurred because the NHS Plan, published last year, sets new priorities for the NHS.

We must ensure that plans for the hospital reflect those priorities.

For example, the NHS Plan places particular emphasis on:

patient focus - so we are reviewing our plans for caring for patients, to be designed around individual patients and not the convenience of the hospital.

We want to ensure we have good models of community rehabilitation services to work with patients across hospital and community settings.

intermediate care - so we are reviewing our services for patients no longer needing acute services, but not ready to go home, and services to enable patients to stay at home when they are ill, avoiding admission to hospital unless it is necessary.

This newsletter tells you more about the plans that are under development, and the outline timetable for the scheme. It also introduces our new Project Manager, Dave Poulter, who is going to help us get this hospital built, which is exactly what we intend to do.

Johanna Finn
Chief Executive
West Suffolk Hospitals Trust
and Chairman
Sudbury Hospital Redevelopment
Steering Committee

Future issues

With work due to start on the new community hospital next summer, the newsletter will be circulated more frequently to keep everyone in touch with developments.

The March issue will include more detail about the services to be provided and progress on planning permission.

PROJECT MANAGER APPOINTED



Dave Poulter has started as Project Manager responsible for developing the Sudbury community hospital scheme from design through to opening.

The new hospital will be built via the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) involving the private sector in the funding, construction and maintenance of the hospital, leaving clinical services to be provided by the NHS. Dave has worked on PFI schemes in the NHS for the last five years, and is excited at the prospect of providing a new hospital in Sudbury.

Dave said: "A great deal of good work has already been carried out preparing for the new scheme. Groups of staff from the different organisations

involved are putting the finishing touches to the detailed description of the services required by the local community.

"These specifications will influence the design of the hospital and ensure the building is planned to support the delivery of high quality care to patients. We hope to be able to advertise for a PFI partner in the spring. This will allow us to start work on site in late 2002, with the new hospital open to receive its first patients in early 2004."

If you would like to discuss the Sudbury community hospital project with Dave Poulter, please fill out the feedback form and return it to the address given.

The West Suffolk Hospitals Trust, Local Health Partnerships Trust, Bury PCG and Suffolk Health Authority working with Suffolk Social Services and other agencies to provide modern health services for the people of Sudbury.

All completed forms should be sent to: Dave Poulter, Project Manager Sudbury community hospital, c/o Walnuttree Hospital, Walnuttree Lane, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 6BE.

Comments:

Address:

Organisation:

Name:

If you have any comments, views or questions for Dave Poulter, Project Manager for the new Sudbury community hospital, please use this feedback form.

Feedback form

KEY EVENTS TIMETABLE

Action	Timetable
Eastern Region NHS Executive approval of the Outline Business Case	Early Summer 2001
Placement of advert in European Journal for Private Finance partner	Early Summer 2001
Private partner selected	Early 2002
Eastern Region NHS Executive approval of the Full Business Case	Early Summer 2002
Work starts on site	Late Summer 2002
Building work finished	End 2003
Patients transfer to new hospital	Early 2004

Filling in the detail

The Bury St Edmunds Primary Care Group (PCG) has been leading work to determine the service specification for the new hospital. Although the broad range of services has already been agreed the "Service Requirements Group" has been established to look at the detail of how these services will be provided.

Plans for the services draw on modern thinking and best practice because we want the people of Sudbury to have access to the most up-to-date services, delivered as efficiently as possible.

The new hospital will bring together services currently provided on a number of different sites: outpatients; community services; inpatients; mental health services; day hospital; children's services; X-ray and physiotherapy. This is an opportunity to provide an excellent community resource and focal point for meeting a wide range of health and social care needs for Sudbury people.

Mark Crawley
Chief Executive, Bury St Edmunds PCG and
Chair of the Service Requirements Group

Communication Group

Members of the Communication Group are responsible for the 'Health Services for Sudbury' newsletter.

The members comprise:

Dave Poulter	Project Manager
Stephanie Preston	Manager of Sudbury Hospitals
Mark Crawley	Chief Executive of Bury St Edmunds Primary Care Group
Sue Hayter	Primary Care Co-ordinator, Bury St Edmunds, Local Health Partnerships NHS Trust
Jan Bloomfield	Director of Personnel and Corporate Resources, West Suffolk Hospitals NHS Trust
Nichole Day	Director of Nursing and Community Relations, West Suffolk Hospitals NHS Trust

Service Specifications

Four groups are preparing detailed service specifications incorporating the NHS Plan, which sets out the Government's vision for the NHS.

The groups draw on the expertise of staff from the West Suffolk and Local Health Partnerships NHS Trusts, local GPs, Social Services, Suffolk Health Authority and interested voluntary and statutory agencies and service users.

The groups are:

Old Age Psychiatry

Chair: Marian Stevens-Farrow, Service Manager,
Local Health Partnerships NHS Trust.

The group is planning services for patients who require continuing care, respite and assessment of complex needs. A community and day therapy team comprising health, voluntary and statutory agencies, will provide treatment and support designed to meet individual patient needs and those of their carers.

Outpatients

Chair: Paul Thacker, Outpatient Services Manager,
West Suffolk Hospitals NHS Trust.

This group is planning services for a diverse range of outpatient clinics, including specialist clinics. These will be supported by appropriate diagnostic services and the latest technology to ensure that Sudbury residents have local access to specialist care.

Intermediate Care

Chair: Dr Andrew Crouch, Hardwicke House Surgery, Sudbury.

Intermediate care services are those which prevent avoidable admissions to hospital and enable smooth transfer from hospital to home.

These services can include:

- rapid response teams of nurses, care workers, social workers, therapists and GPs working to provide emergency care for people at home and helping to prevent unnecessary hospital admissions.
- intensive rehabilitation services to help older people regain their health and independence after a stroke or major surgery.
- integrated home care teams so that people receive the care they need when they are discharged from hospital to help them live independently at home.

This group is looking at how the new Intermediate Care Team, the Day Hospital and the beds in the new Sudbury community hospital will work together to provide the best possible services for patients.

Mental Health

Chair: Mike Hurley, Locality Manager,
Local Health Partnerships NHS Trust.

The group is planning adult, child and adolescent mental health and community drug services. The facilities will include: dedicated therapy areas, educational facilities for clients and staff and recreational facilities. Future developments will include improved respite, support worker and out of hours support services.