

Stakeholder Briefing No 3 – 23 December 2015

Re-shaping Community Health Services in South Devon and Torbay

Purpose

This is the third briefing designed to keep people up to date with discussions being held in engagement meetings with groups in different parts of South Devon and Torbay. This briefing looks at the timetable for consultation and summarises some of the costs of delivering services today. Fuller details of these are available in the locality presentations on our website at www.southdevonandtorbayccg.nhs.uk/community-health-services

Timetable

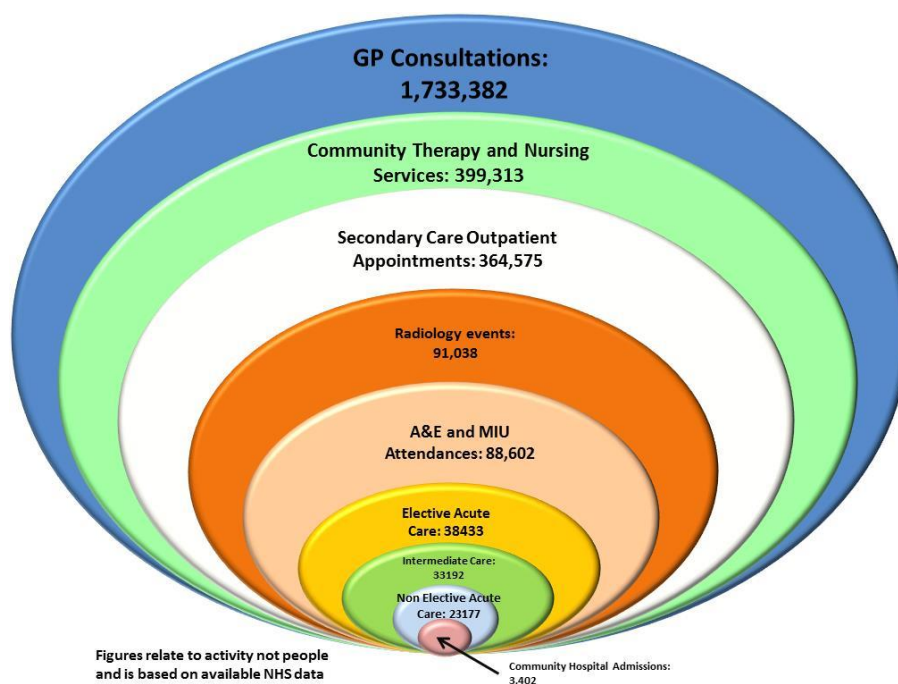
We had hoped to be in a position to consult with the people of South Devon and Torbay over the winter months on the options for the future delivery of community services. Identifying a model which can deliver the services needed to meet the future needs of local people, whilst also being affordable, is not easy. Although demand for services is expanding, it is unlikely that the NHS in South Devon and Torbay will receive any increase in funding. So we need to design a model of care that we can afford and which will achieve our ambitions of delivering effective care, closer to people's homes with health and social care services working more closely together.

Further engagement meetings are scheduled for January at which different options will be considered. It is however unlikely that we will be able to outline recommended options for consultation before early spring. A lot of work is being undertaken on the detail of different ways of delivering services and the costs involved. Once this work is complete, we expect to consult on the options we have identified.

Health Service usage

This image illustrates the activity which takes place in different parts of the NHS in South Devon and Torbay (excluding the coastal locality). Dealing with the largest volume of activity rests with GPs while community hospitals deal with the lowest level of activity.

These figures exclude the specialist stroke beds at Newton Abbot.



Service costs

In discussing the best way of delivering care, a range of issues has been discussed including activity at community hospitals, the role of Minor Injuries Units and the type of community nursing support that people would like to see in their areas. At engagement meetings we have been asked to provide a breakdown of the costs of delivering different services.

Community costs

As the table opposite shows, the average cost per admission varies across community hospitals, as does the per day cost. This is due to a number of factors including their size, the staffing levels and their overhead cost.

As indicated opposite, the cost of nursing within the community also varies and this is partly due to the additional costs of supporting people in more rural areas and not in major population centres.

A key element in ensuring that people have urgent care when they need it is the Minor Injuries Unit. These provide an important role in bridging the GP and acute hospital services and the costs are shown opposite below.

The figures emphasise the need to have a sufficient volume of attendances to ensure financial viability. A good spread of patient health conditions is also essential to ensure staff maintain their specialist skills.

More information

If you would like further information please go to www.southdevonandtorbayccg.nhs.uk/community-health-services where there are copies of the presentations being used; email us at sdtccg.consultation@nhs.net; telephone 01803 652 578 in office hours; or write to South Devon and Torbay CCG, Pomona House, Torquay, TQ2 7FF.

Community Hospital Costs					
Hospital	No of Beds	Bed Days	Bed day Cost	No of Admissions	Average Cost Per Admission
Ashburton & Backfastleigh	10	3388	£306.56	176	£5,901
Bovey Tracey	9	3088	£326.22	235	£4,287
Brixham	20	6253	£261.81	431	£3,798
Dartmouth	16	4391	£331.58	387	£3,762
Dawlish	18	5278	£362.28	440	£4,346
Newton abbot	20	7768	£342.61	595	£4,473
Paignton	28	9462	£263.70	719	£3,470
Teignmouth	12	4476	£267.80	261	£4,593
Totnes	18	6016	£285.04	364	£4,711
	178	59,041		4064	
			Average bed day cost = £297.90	Average cost per admission = £4,328	

Community Nursing Costs		
Locality	Activity	Average Cost
Coastal	32,322	£32
Moor to Sea	32,632	£38
Newton Abbot	34,813	£34
Paignton/Brixham	49,283	£34
Torquay	43,228	£32
Average cost		£35

Minor Injuries Unit Costs		
MIU	Attendances	Cost Per Attendance
Ashburton	268	£541.99
Brixham	3081	£93.56
Dartmouth	3340	£64.73
Dawlish	3851	£71.94
Newton Abbot	16453	£51.22
Paignton	3274	£71.45
Teignmouth	3492	£57.74
Totnes M	5665	£85.78
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Average MIU attendance cost =		£69.77