

Royal Borough Windsor & Maidenhead

Adult, Community Services and Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel Update 7 September 2009

MIU at St Marks

The Minor injuries service at St Marks has been in operation since Sept 08, operating 6 days per week and continues to see around 40 patients per day. An evaluation is currently being completed with a paper due to go to the PCT Board on 24 September for a decision on the future of the service. Options for the future of the service will be set out and the decision will be informed by a recently completed patient survey.

Cancer

Berkshire East PCT is the NHS organisation responsible for commissioning a comprehensive cancer service for the people of east Berkshire. Cancer services are provided under the clinical leadership of approved cancer centres. Royal Berkshire Hospital and Mount Vernon Hospital are the two cancer centres that currently provide the majority of cancer services to this population. Some specialist cancer services are provided by other hospitals, including the various London cancer centres. Other hospitals, such as Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals also provide some cancer services under the clinical oversight of the cancer centres.

The PCT committed, as one outcome of the 'Right Care, Right Place' consultation, to commission some cancer services more locally. The PCT is currently in discussion with the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust about how this and other services will be implemented in Bracknell. The residents of the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead will be able to benefit from the improved local access once the buildings are completed and services launched.

Bracknell HealthSpace

Detailed work is underway to determine the exact configuration of services to go into the new facility, to be conveniently located on Market Street. This is in preparation for the planning application which will go forward in the Autumn. A health impact assessment has also been completed to identify any additional impact, positive or negative, on the local community which will inform the detailed planning.

GP led medical centre

The procurement of the GP led medical centre (EAPMS) for Slough is reaching a conclusion with the process still on track for a December opening, for the service to be located at Upton Hospital. This will open 365 days a year, 8am – 8pm, and will provide a service to both registered and unregistered patients.

Outpatients

The transfer of more outpatients to local settings is largely being driven by Practice based commissioning. A range of schemes are being put in place through various projects which vary according to the needs of each locality. Schemes in RBWM include a review of outpatients clinics at St Mark's and better access to cardiology diagnostics.