



South Bristol Community Hospital Delivering improved services closer to home

Background

The South Bristol Community Hospital will provide improved Community Hospital Services closer to home for local people in south Bristol. We are using the opportunity that a new, purpose built hospital brings to modernise the way services are delivered. We will build on all of the good things that the current services offer and improve areas which will benefit from change.

Changes to services are already taking place. The south Bristol Community Hospital is at the centre of the Primary Care Trust's plans to make diagnosis and treatment quicker and more streamlined. It will reduce the need for patients to make trips into the City Centre.

How will services be different from now?

The main change will be that a range of hospital services will be available to you locally. This will include tests and investigations, outpatient appointments and treatments including surgery previously only available in city centre hospitals.

Day surgery, out patient clinics and diagnostics

The majority of planned surgical procedures don't require an overnight stay in hospital. The new Hospital will enable local people to have operations for a wide range of conditions nearer to home, and go home the same day.

Follow up outpatient appointments in a variety of different specialties will also be available locally.

The diagnostics services will include X-rays, scans and endoscopies.

Unscheduled care

The urgent care centre will diagnose and treat many urgent problems without the need to go to Accident and Emergency, for example: plastering fractures and stitching wounds.

The service will provide telephone advice 24 hours a day, with a walk in service available from early morning to late at night and GP out of hour's service overnight, weekends and bank holidays.

The service will treat adults and children.

As well as the walk in service, the urgent care centre will be able to offer appointments for certain conditions, so patients can avoid busy times and queues. The service will also be able to deliver home visits, where appropriate.

Hengrove Park



In patient beds

The hospital will have 60 rehabilitation beds for patients requiring further hospital care following illness or surgery.

The service will provide people with the expert care they need to maximise their level of independence so that they can return home where ever possible.

Some of the services at SBCH will be similar to those currently offered at Bristol General Hospital which the new hospital replaces. However this new building will give the opportunity to continue to improve the way we give care.

A number of the inpatient beds will be used to provide rehabilitation for people following a stroke and will form part of the specialised stroke services for patients admitted to the Bristol Royal Infirmary.

The care that patients receive at the new hospital will often be just one part of their care provided by a number of healthcare professionals within the hospital and at peoples home. Our aim is to make sure all the right people are involved in the patients care together with the patient and their family/carer.

Dental services

The Hospital contains a large dental teaching department. Students under supervision and their supervisors at the hospital will able to offer dental services to local adults and children.

What happens now?

Local people have been involved in developing ideas for the new services. We will be running events to discuss the services in more detail. In the meantime, if you want further information about the new services at South Bristol Community Hospital, contact the Project Office on:

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