

Better Care Closer to Home Consultation Clarification

Please read and reply



Between 29th June and 5th October 2016 your local NHS consulted on proposed changes to some of our services. The changes aim to provide better joined up care in or near to home for older people who presently use a community hospital for its dementia services, or to recover after a spell in an acute hospital.

We received over 1700 consultation responses and these are now being considered by an independent academic to ensure that all responses are taken into account.

When answering enquiries received during the consultation we became aware that incorrect figures were printed in two tables containing financial information in the pre-consultation business case (PCBC). As part of our commitment to a robust consultation process we also then asked independent auditors to check the entire PCBC and a third table was identified which included some errors. We are therefore holding a clarification exercise throughout November.

The aim of the clarification, starting on 31st October and ending on 28th November, is to provide you with corrected versions of the tables and to ask whether or not this impacts on the feedback you provided during the consultation. The responses we receive will be used to help analyse the consultation data. A response form is found at the end of this document.

We can assure you that the identified errors do not affect the proposals we put forward for consultation. This is because the correct figures were used during the appraisal of the different options, and because the proposals were based on a range of factors, rather than just cost.

We would like to apologise for these errors and for any confusion they may have caused.

The Tables

The first error was on page 60 of the PCBC. The figures indicating total costs of community hospital beds were correct, but the apportionment of figures across the five sites were not. The table below shows the original version and the correct figures alongside (in red).

Existing Beds before 21c	Original Figures (£'000s)		Corrected Figures (£'000s)	
	Baseline (2014-15)	Projected (+5 years) 2019-20	Baseline (2014-15)	Projected (+5 years) 2019-20
Community Hospital beds	11,950	14,534	11,950	14,534
- Bolsover (32)	2,860	3,478	4,408	5,361
- Cavendish (16)	2,180	2,651	1,785	2,171
- Clay Cross (16)	2,150	2,615	1,820	2,214
- Newholme (16)	2,000	2,432	1,830	2,226
- Whitworth (20)	2,760	3,357	2,107	2,563

The second error was on page 81 of the PCBC appendices. The purpose of this table was to show the seven different options for better care closer to home, but the costs were incorrect. The correct figures are shown in red.

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6	Option 7
	All 5 existing community hospitals	1 facility @ CRH	1 facility @ Whitworth Hospital	2 facilities @ CRH and Cavendish	2 facilities @ Cavendish and Whitworth Hospital	2 facilities @ Cavendish and Clay Cross Hospital	2 facilities @ Cavendish and Bolsover
Operating cost (£m)	9	3.2 2.7	2.7 3.2	3.2	3.8 3.7	4.3 3.8	3.7 4.3
Cost per patient (£k)	17.9	6.3 5.4	5.4 6.4	6.4 6.3	7.5 7.4	8.6 7.5	7.4 8.6

The final error is on page 94 of the PCBC. This shows the phasing of service and overhead costs across the five years of changes. The costs at year 5 are correct, but the phasing of some of those costs between years 1 and 4 is not. The table below shows the original figures and the corrections in red.

	Baseline	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
	£,000s	£,000s	£,000s	£,000s	£,000s	£,000s
Proposed service:						
(i) Specialist rehab beds	0	0	2,300 2,337	3,407	3,407	3,407
(ii) Local intermediate care beds	1,470	1,696	2,772 2,846	2,882 2,892	2,998 2,940	2,989
(iii) Community Integrated Care Service (ICS)	0	1,430	2,888	3,091 3,326	3,145 3,460	3,598
(iv) Other existing direct bedded care costs	10,349	7,500 7,503	1,730	0	0	0
Total proposed service	11,819	10,626 10,629	9,690 9,801	9,380 9,624	9,550 9,806	9,994
Other corporate overheads		1,040 949	740 382	540 206	540 189	171
Total 'Stranded' other overheads, site costs		2,600 2,509	1,850 1,492	1,540 1,206	1,430 1,079	1,061

A video with a more detailed explanation of the tables can be found on our website www.joindupcare.org.uk

Feedback

We invite anyone who contributed to the consultation to let us know if the new information has any impact on the feedback they have already given us and, if so, what that is. People will have until 28th November to submit their thoughts to us.

You can do this by completing this form and send it back to us at FREEPOST Better Care, North Derbyshire CCG Headquarters, Nightingale Close, Chesterfield, S41 7PF. You don't need a stamp. You can also respond online by visiting www.joindupcare.org.uk

I am responding on behalf of:

myself (please provide your postcode)

a group or organisation (please give their name here)

The new information has impacted on the feedback I provided

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

Please write your comments here