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WESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Let your voice be heard on future services

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Weston General Hospital

Local health and care services and Healthwatch North Somerset have been working together to come up with plans for Weston General Hospital.

Our Aims



We want Weston General Hospital to provide the best possible care for everyone in our community, now and in the future.

Things that are important to us:

Using local people's views to help design services.



Everyone having good health and being able to be treated close to where they live.



Using money carefully, and health services working together well.

Making Weston General Hospital a good place to work.

Introduction



Weston General Hospital is important to our community.



It faces some challenges, for example more and more people needing to use the hospital, and only having a limited amount of money.



We have worked with local doctors and nurses to come up with some ideas to solve these problems.

We want to know what you think of these ideas.



Some of the Challenges

There are lots of older people and people with lots of different health needs in our community.

It can be hard to recruit doctors for some departments in the hospital.



There is not enough money to deliver services the way they are now.

What the hospital does well



The hospital cannot provide every single service that the NHS offers. We think that the hospital needs to focus on the services that local people are most likely to need.

We can start by looking at what the hospital does well and doing more of it:



Routine operations that are not complex.

Recruiting nursing staff.



Working together with other hospitals in Bristol and Taunton.

Recruiting specialist medical staff, for example children's doctors.



The 4 main ideas that we would like to hear your views on

1

Change the way the urgent and emergency care service is run between 10pm and 8am



An urgent and emergency care service would run between 10pm and 8am, but patients who need specialist care would be treated at larger hospitals nearby. Patients with problems like cuts and broken bones would still be seen at Weston General Hospital.

Why do we want to do this?



Having an urgent and emergency care service that is open 24 hours is very important.

More patients use the department between 8am and 10pm than use it at night.



Nurses and paramedics could be used to do more of the work at night.

2

Carry out more routine and non-complex operations at Weston General Hospital.



This would make good use of the hospital and would make it easier for local people to have operations close to where they live.

If people are treated closer to home they are likely to recover and be able to go home more quickly.

Why do we want to do this?

Because Weston General Hospital is good at carrying out routine operations.



There is space at the hospital to do more routine and non-complex operations which would give patients more choice and mean that the hospital would receive more NHS funding.



3

Move some emergency operations to other hospitals

Patients in North Somerset who need an emergency operation at night would be taken by ambulance to one of the larger hospitals nearby.

This is already what happens for people who have had strokes and heart attacks, and for children who need emergency care.

Why do we want to do this?

Only a small number of people need emergency surgery, especially at night, and we know that it is better for them to be treated by specialist teams.

This would mean ambulances could take patients who need emergency surgery to the closest specialist team so they would be cared for quicker.

Doing this would also make more beds available in Weston General Hospital for people needing routine operations.



4

Make the critical care unit at Weston General Hospital bigger.



This would mean more beds for patients who are seriously ill and need a lot of medical and nursing care from doctors and nurses with specialist training and equipment.

Why do we want to do this?



This would bring patients who need the most care together in one place.

At the moment the unit only has 5 beds, which is not enough.



We also have two ideas for how local services can work together better:

Weston Area Health 
NHS Trust


University Hospitals Bristol
NHS Foundation Trust

North Bristol 
NHS Trust

1. Three local hospitals: Weston Area Health NHS Trust, University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation and North Bristol NHS Trust and community services working together to:

Share the facilities and staff of all 3 hospitals.

Improve clinical pathways (the patient's journey through any health services they need).

Develop specialist services.

2. Working more closely with services in the community

Weston General Hospital would work with community services to make sure that people only go into hospital when they really need to and do not stay any longer than necessary.

For this to work there would need to be enough money and staff to provide social care.





Tell us what you think

We want to hear everyone's views on our ideas, to help us develop a plan for Weston General Hospital.

You can let us know what you think by:



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