

DECISION-MAKER:	PANEL B		
SUBJECT:	SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST - SPECIALIST NEUROLOGICAL REHABILITATION SERVICE		
DATE OF DECISION:	17 MARCH 2010		
REPORT OF:	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND ADULT CARE		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

SUMMARY

This paper provides the panel details of concerns received in relation to the specialist neurological rehabilitation service in Southampton and the current situation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) to note correspondence received in relation to the specialist neurological rehabilitation service in Southampton;
- (ii) to consider the update on the specialist neurological rehabilitation service from Southampton University Hospitals Trust;
- (iii) to consider if the change to the specialist neurological rehabilitation service constitutes 'substantial variation or development' of health services and what, if any, further engagement is required on this issue.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To allow members the opportunity to consider the changes that have taken place in relation to specialist neurological rehabilitation in Southampton.

CONSULTATION

2. SUHT have undertaken a programme of consultation which is set out in Appendix 5.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. Alternatives and options considered are set out in Appendix 5.

DETAIL

4. In July 2010 Southampton University Hospitals Trust (SUHT) wrote to Councillor Barnes-Andrews regarding the decision taken to temporarily relocate the neuro-rehabilitation service from Victoria House to a ward in Southampton General Hospital. The letter stated that the decision was taken as a result of temporary staffing issues and was intended to last until September/October when Victoria House would re-open. A copy of the text of the letter is attached at Appendix 1.

5. In December of last year Panel B were contacted, via Cllr Barnes-Andrews by a member of the public raising concerns that neuro-rehabilitation was now taking place on a ward rather than in a dedicated facility. The letter is attached at Appendix 2.
6. The panel subsequently (in February and March of this year) received further correspondence on the issue including from a member of staff who works for the specialist neurological rehabilitation service and has asked to remain anonymous. Copies of the correspondence are at appendix 3. A further anonymous letter received is an Appendix 4.
7. An update on the current situation in relation to specialist neurological rehabilitation service has been provided by SUHT and is attached at appendix 5. The update provides details of the reasons for the service change, the consultation undertaken to date and the future plans for the delivery of neurological rehabilitation.
8. Both SUHT and NHS Southampton (who are responsible for commissioning neurological rehabilitation) will attend the meeting to provide an update on progress and respond to questions and concerns.
9. Panel members will want to consider if the change constitutes a 'substantial variation or development' of health services and what further engagement and consultation they require in this issue.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

10. None.

Revenue

11. None.

Property

12. None.

Other

13. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

14. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
Section 11 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001 places a duty on strategic health authorities, PCTs and NHS trusts to make arrangements to involve and consult patients and the public in:
 - a) planning services;
 - b) developing and considering proposals for changes in the way services are provided; and
 - c) decisions to be made that affect how those services operate.

Regulations under section 7 require NHS bodies to consult relevant overview and scrutiny committees on any proposals for substantial variations or developments of health services. This duty is additional to the duty of involvement or consultation under section 11 i.e. other stakeholders should be consulted and involved in addition to OSCs.

Other Legal Implications:

15. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

16. None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Text of letter from Mark Hackett to Cllr Barnes-Andrews dated 22 July 2010.
2.	Letter from Mrs Wise dated 4 December 2010
3.	3 Emails received from a member of SUHT staff dated 20 February, 1 March and 3 March 2011.
4.	Anonymous letter received 1 March 2011.
5.	Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust - specialist neurological rehabilitation service

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

1.	None	
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Background documents available for inspection at: None

KEY DECISION? No WARDS/COMMUNITIES all
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