

MONKWEARMOUTH OUTPATIENT BRIEFING

REPORT OF CITY HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 City Hospitals Sunderland offer outpatient clinics from the Monkwearmouth Hospital site. The site is owned by Northumbria Tyne and Wear Mental Health Trust and City Hospitals Sunderland lease one building on an annual renewal basis.
- 2.1 Northumbria Tyne & Wear Mental Health Trust has formally asked City Hospitals Sunderland to vacate the site so that they are able to develop this space for their own use.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 City Hospitals Sunderland offer a total of 15 Care of the Elderly and Neurology clinics per month from the Monkwearmouth site seeing approximately 1100 patients per year. (approx. 4 clinics per week).
- 2.2 It is likely that a weekly Rheumatology clinic, seeing predominantly South Tyneside patients, will be moved to South Tyneside DGH.
- 2.3 Parking at the Monkwearmouth site is proving increasingly difficult for both staff and patients and has led to numerous resident complaints about on street parking.
- 2.4 The Monkwearmouth site has no diagnostic facilities so any outpatient needing diagnostic work following their 1st appointment also need to attend the Sunderland Royal site in addition to being seen as an outpatient at Monkwearmouth.
- 2.5 Given Northumbria Tyne & Wear's formal request to vacate the site, the Trust has looked at options to relocate these outpatient services.

3. ANALYSIS

- 3.1 The largest proportion of Care of the Elderly and Neurology clinics are already held on the Sunderland Royal site which has all the diagnostic and support services required to ensure faster referral to treatment times.
- 3.2 The outpatient department of the Royal is able to absorb the 4 extra clinics per week and calculations suggest that an additional 5 two-hour parking slots per day would be required to meet the patient's needs. Both the clinic and parking requirements have been analysed and modelled and no significant issues been identified.

- 3.3 The possibility of relocating the clinics has been discussed informally with patients and the consensus is that they did not see any problems with the potential change of venue for the clinics.

4. PROPOSAL

- 4.1 Given the modelling and patient feedback, it is proposed that the Monkwearmouth outpatient clinics for Care of the Elderly and Neurology are relocated to the Sunderland Royal site.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee are asked to support the relocation of the Monkwearmouth outpatient clinics to the Sunderland Royal site.

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