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Welcome

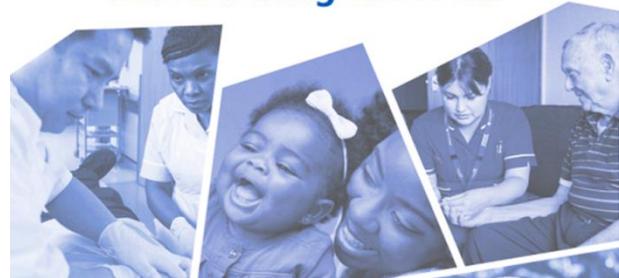
Welcome to the latest edition of Health and Care Insights. Hopefully you will find the information useful. Just to let you know, in October, we are revamping the newsletter so that we can include more information in a better layout.

NHS Long Term Plan – *Better for You, Better for Devon*

As you may know the NHS Long Term Plan was launched earlier this year. The aim of this is to ensure that services are not just fit for now but into the future. There are many challenges health and care services face and it is important that our services can best cope with these challenges and provide the high quality services that people need to support them to be as healthy and independent as possible.



The NHS Long Term Plan



We are now developing our own localised version of the plan and we would like to have your thoughts on how we can best do this. If you would like to give your feedback you can do so by completing a survey [here](#). The survey will be live up to and including 5 September 2019 and after that the feedback will be collated and the local plan will be published later in the Autumn.

Dartmouth Health and Wellbeing Centre Update

The plans for a new health and wellbeing centre in Dartmouth have received a triple boost. The local NHS, South Hams District Council (SHDC), Dartmouth Medical Practice and other partners are working together to build a state-of-the-art new home for GP and NHS services in the town. The new building will be light, airy and built to modern health and energy standards. The aim of the new centre is to bring many local health services under one roof, for the benefit of people in Dartmouth. It will provide a wide range of services formerly provided at Dartmouth Hospital and currently offered by the Trust at Dartmouth Clinic, which was re-purposed as an interim health and wellbeing centre in 2017. It would also house Dartmouth Medical Practice, Dartmouth Caring, and retail outlets such as a pharmacy.

On 18 July 2019, South Hams District Council's Executive approved the business case for the scheme, which sets out the way it will be funded and built and how the council will lease the building to the head tenant, Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust (TSDFT). The new centre is set to be built on land currently used as an overflow for the park and ride at the top of town. The council previously agreed the principle of developing a Health and Wellbeing Centre for Dartmouth in December 2018 and the scheme is subject to design, planning permission and lease agreements.

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Theatres update

Unfortunately we had to close two clean air theatres in November 2018, due to problems with the air handling units. Work to refurbish these two theatres is now nearly complete and we anticipate this will be finalised next month. There will then be a period of clinical testing before our surgeons can start operating in the new theatres, which is planned for the end of September.

This will complete the first phase of our refurbishment. Plans are already underway to replace the air handling in our post-operative recovery area which will be our next phase followed by the refurbishment of two further theatres in the next financial year.

As with other hospitals around the country our theatres have struggled, at times, with the unprecedented weather conditions in July. We have had a new chiller fitted to boost capacity and are in the process of upgrading the electronics that control the heat and humidity to maximise the efficiency of our air handlers.

This work has meant unfortunately that some people have had to have routine planned operations postponed which we know can be upsetting. To minimise this our staff have been fantastic in carrying out operations later in the day and also at weekends. They have also supported people to be able to have operations at other local hospitals where they have chosen to do this.

Senior Appointments

We are very pleased to announce that Adel Jones has recently been appointed as Director of Transformation and Partnerships. Adel joins us from Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust and has a wealth of experience and skills that will be vital in further developing our strategy. We also welcome David Killoran as our interim Director of Finance who takes over from Paul Cooper who has been invaluable at the Trust for the last seven years. We wish Paul well in his new role in Cornwall.



We are also really pleased that Cathy Williams has been appointed to the important role of South Devon System Director. Cathy is taking up this role on a 12 month secondment and brings a wealth of skills and experience needed in this role as well as a passion for the delivery of services and service improvement

Annual Member's Meeting

The Annual Members' Meeting of Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust will be held at the TREC, Torbay Hospital on Wednesday, 25 September from 2pm to 4pm.

The main purpose of the meeting is to receive the Trust's Annual Report and Accounts for 2018/19. There will also be a chance to hear about the Trust's key activities during the year from the Chairman and Chief Executive, members will be presented with a report from the Trust's External auditors and the Lead Governor. There will also be other presenters who will speak about some of the achievements of the Trust staff and teams during the year.

Before the start of the formal meeting at 12noon there will be a range of stalls showcasing the work of various teams in the Trust available in the TREC foyer, and also light refreshments. All members are invited to come along. If you are not already a member and would like to join please do so via our website www.torbayandsouthdevon.nhs.uk or by following the [link](#)