





Patient Information

A new partnership for Adult Community Health Services in Wiltshire: what it means for you

Wiltshire NHS Clinical Commissioning Group is responsible for commissioning adult community health services for Wiltshire. Adult community services comprise six community hospitals, Minor Injury Units, community nursing and therapy teams, a community team for people with learning disabilities and a range of community outpatient services operating across Wiltshire.

Currently, Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (GWH) holds the contract for providing these services. From 1 July 2016, the contract will transfer to a new partnership, called Wiltshire Health and Care. The contract will last for at least the next 5 years.

Wiltshire Health and Care is an NHS partnership formed by the three local Foundation Trusts which serve Wiltshire:

- Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- · Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust
- · Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust.

Wiltshire Health and Care is focused solely on delivering high quality community services in Wiltshire and enabling people to live independent and fulfilling lives for as long as possible.

Why is this change happening?

The creation of the Wiltshire Health and Care partnership is designed to improve the services available in community settings by improving the way that services and organisations work together. This is the first time that the three local Trusts serving the population of Wiltshire have worked together in this way.

Will your care change with Wiltshire Health and Care?

- The move of services to Wiltshire Health and Care will not affect the continuity of your care; you will still be seen by the same health professionals in the same place.
- Wiltshire Health and Care will continue to use the same electronic health record systems, accessed by the same people who currently deliver these services.
- The legal ownership of your records will transfer to Wiltshire Health and Care on 1 July 2016.
- If you have any concerns about your records being transferred to Wiltshire Health and Care, please discuss this with the staff providing your care or contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service below.
- If you raise an objection to your records being transferred to Wiltshire Health and Care we will do our best to respect your wishes, however it may adversely affect the care that we can offer to you.

Further information about Wiltshire Health and Care can be found at www.wiltshirehealthandcare.nhs.uk.

This information sheet is available in other languages and formats. If you would like a copy, please contact PALS

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