

PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE OR DEVELOPMENT: IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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OSC area(s) impacted by proposals	Torbay

Brief overview of proposal or service development	<p>The proposal to establish a second specialist surgical centre for gynaecological cancers in Cornwall, alongside the current surgical centre at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter</p> <p>South Devon patients requiring surgery for gynaecological cancers currently receive this surgery at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter. Therefore, the recommendation that the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust be designated as the peninsula's second specialist centre would not impact upon the current patient flow.</p>
Anticipated timetable	During 2011
Brief overview of factors which have led to this proposal or service development	<p>The case for the reconfiguration of gynaecological cancer services is embedded, and argued for, in the Improving Outcomes Guidance for this patient group. The Peninsula Cancer Network (for Devon and Cornwall), and the peninsula's four primary care trusts intend to apply this guidance as mandated in both the IOG and the recent Cancer Reform Strategy.</p> <p>The term 'gynaecological cancers' covers cancers of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cervix • endometrium (lining of the womb) • ovaries • vagina/vulva <p>These cancers are relatively rare. Even taken together, they affect only around half as many women as breast cancer.</p>

	<p>Cancer of the female genital organs has a national incidence of 46 per 100,000. In the Peninsula there are about 650 cases a year requiring surgery.</p> <p>The shape of cancer services around the NHS is recommended in national Improving Outcomes Guidance. The Strategic Framework for the NHS and the Cancer Reform Strategy require the full implementation of all IOGs for cancer. All primary care trusts are expected to commission services that are compliant with IOGs, demonstrating that they are offering the best and safest care for patients.</p> <p>The IOG aims to bring together specialist staff, so they see enough patients each year to maintain and improve their skills, at centres with all necessary equipment and facilities. But it also aims to provide services as close to the patient's home as is compatible with high-quality, safe and effective treatment.</p> <p>In Devon and Cornwall, the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital was designated in 2004 as the sole Specialist Gynaecological Cancer Centre. Royal Cornwall Hospitals (Truro) and Plymouth Hospitals are both Local Gynaecological Cancer Units, with non-surgical treatment of all gynaecological cancers being provided in all five acute trusts, including South Devon Healthcare (Torbay) and Northern Devon Healthcare (Barnstaple).</p> <p>The Peninsula Cancer Network, the four primary care trusts serving Devon and Cornwall and the five acute trusts have therefore agreed that a second Specialist Gynaecological Cancer Centre should be created. The national Cancer Action Team has also agreed with the principle, given the number of additional patients identified.</p>
Overall objective of proposals (eg. improving quality of services, more cost effective service etc)	To improve outcomes (survival rates) for women with gynaecological cancers.
Details of public and patient <u>involvement</u> undertaken to date and how this has shaped proposals	As this recommendation does not impact upon the patient flow for Torbay, Torbay Care Trust has not yet undertaken any local consultation.

Other NHS organisations impacted by proposal or service development and their views from involvement	<p>Involved organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust (RCHT) • Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust • Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (RD&E) • Devon PCT • Plymouth PCT • Cornwall & IOS PCT <p>The review paper is due to be discussed locally by PCTs with their respective OSCs during January, which will determine the carrying out of involvement/engagement.</p>
Views of PPIFs from involvement to date	LINKs will be engaged with following consideration of the review by the Care Trust Board.

The following assessment relates to patients*:	North Devon	Exeter	Mid-Devon	East Devon	Teignbridge
	South Hams/West Devon	South Devon			

* Highlight from which areas patients will be affected by the proposal.

1. Impact upon access to services

Ref	Aspect	+ or - impact	Details	Plans to minimise negative impact
A	Eligibility of patients to receive the service		No impact	
B	Ability of patients to access the service		No impact	
C	Waiting times to receive service		No impact	
D	Longer term sustainability of the service	+	Service will be designed to Improving Outcome Guidance standards	
E	Reducing health inequalities		No impact	

2. Impact upon quality of services

Ref	Aspect	+ or - impact	Details	Plans to minimise negative impact
A	Clinical performance/outcomes	+	Specialist surgical centres improve outcomes for patients by centralising skills and resources	
B	Statutory NHS targets	+	Meeting guidelines set out within Improving Outcome Guidance Document	
C	Patient Choice		No impact	
D	Cohesion with wider NHS strategies	+	Meeting guidelines set out within Improving Outcome Guidance Document	
E	Operational effectiveness	+	Specialist surgical centres improve outcomes for patients by centralising skills and resources	

3. Impact upon patients and carers

Ref	Aspect	+ or - impact	Details	Plans to minimise negative impact
A	Patient care standards		No impact	
B	Privacy and dignity		No impact	
C	Patient care journeys/pathways		No impact	
D	Patient experience		No impact	
E	Carer experience		No impact	

4. Impact upon wider community

Ref	Aspect	+ or - impact	Details	Plans to minimise negative impact
A	Local economy		No impact	
B	Transport		No impact	
C	Community Safety		No impact	
D	Environment		No impact	
E	Social Care		No impact	
F	Cohesion with Community Strategy		No impact	

5. Partnership working / involvement

How has the PCT involved the following groups in the development of these proposals?	Details
Patient & Public Involvement	See above
Staff / Human Resources / Unions	The proposals will not impact staff

6. Financial impact

Ref	Aspect	+ or - impact	Details	Plans to minimise negative impact
A	Implications for NHS organisation	+	The Care Trust will be commissioning gynaecological cancer surgery within a specialised surgical centre thereby providing patients with the best possible outcomes.	
B	Implications for Health Community		No impact	
C	Implications for Peninsula		Centralisation and expansion of specialist cancer services for the Peninsula to Exeter and Cornwall	
D	Implications for Local Authorities		No impact	
E	Implications for Voluntary Sector		No impact	
F	Implications for patient/ patient's family		No impact	

7. Anticipated climate of opinion

Ref	Aspect	+ or - impact	Details	Plans to minimise negative impact
A	Clinical opinion		No impact	
B	Local community		No impact	
C	Political			
D	Media	-	Media coverage for cross-boundary areas has been balanced. There has been no South Devon media coverage	
E	Staff	+	Specialist surgical centres improve outcomes for patients by centralising skills and resources	

8. Any other impacts not covered above

Ref	Aspect	+ or - impact	Details	Plans to minimise negative impact
A				
B				
C				

NHS comments on impact assessment and view on whether the proposed change is substantial	<p>South Devon patients requiring surgery for gynaecological cancers currently receive this surgery at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter. Therefore, the recommendation that the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust be designated as the peninsula's second specialist centre would not impact upon the current patient flow.</p> <p>A specialist centre will involve the centralisation of skills and resources and improve outcomes for local patients.</p> <p>In the Care Trust's view this proposal change is not substantial.</p>
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9. Outcome of assessment by OSC

Date of decision	
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
Substantial variation?	Yes/No
Reasons for decision reached	
Other comments	