

## Health Select Committee

<b>Subject:</b>	Developing a Centralised Community Paediatric Centre for Dudley	
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<b>Aim of the report:</b>		
To update the Health Select Committee on the strategic intent for development of a Community Paediatric Centre for Dudley; the establishment of a Steering Group to develop proposals and procure construction of the building; and to identify progress with interim proposals for clinical facilities and office base for the paediatric therapy services in preparation for sale of the Ridge Hill site for redevelopment.		
<b>Key points:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The strategic development of integrated services for children includes the development of a Centralised Community Paediatric Centre.</li> <li>▪ Discussions have been ongoing on a multi-agency basis between hospital paediatric consultants, community services paediatric teams, GP representatives and Dudley MBC since 2004.</li> <li>▪ A Steering Group is being established to drive forward the consolidation of proposals, consult on the range of services to be co-located, and oversee the design and construction procurement for the Centre.</li> <li>▪ Given that the timescale for the development is out of synchronisation with the closure and sale of the current base for Paediatric Therapy Clinics at Ridge Hill Hospital, interim facilities are being refurbished to provide a fixed term clinical/office base whilst the Dudley Community Paediatric Centre is designed and built.</li> </ul>		
Report is for Information		
<b>Key Standard for Better Health:</b>		C5,C6, C7, C13, C17, C20, C21, D5, D8
<b>Implications:</b>		
<b>Financial:</b>	The Steering Group will identify additional costs for construction/leasing of the Dudley Centralised Community Paediatric Centre.	
<b>HR/Personnel:</b>	Staff will be engaged in the functional specification/design of the proposed centre. Consultation with staff regarding relocation to the proposed Centre will follow existing PCT, Dudley Group of Hospitals, and Dudley MBC Change Management Policies.	
<b>Community/User:</b>	Existing service users will be consulted regarding the services to be co-located and any supporting service redesign. Statutory consultation will also take place regarding the relocation of any clinical services.	
<b>Equality &amp; Diversity:</b>		

## **Developing a Community Paediatric Centre for Dudley**

### **1. Strategic Context**

In 2003/4 Dudley South PCT consulted on the closure of the Ridge Hill Hospital, resettlement of people with a learning disability into the community, and a wider range of developments for Health and Social Care Centres in the South of the Borough.

During the development of this strategy, the Children's Assessment Unit located at Wordsley Hospital was closed and relocated to Russells Hall Hospital under the agreed PFI contract and consolidation of hospital services from Wordsley, Corbet and Guest hospitals onto the Russells Hall site. The re-provided Children's Assessment Unit did not include retention of the paediatric therapy service offices that were present on the Wordsley Hospital site. In discussion with clinical staff and service users it was agreed that as part of the overall strategy for service development within Dudley South PCT, community-based Children's Services would be best co-located with Children's Services provided by Dudley MBC and if possible a visiting service from the hospital – based Paediatric Consultants.

Discussion commenced in 2003/4 on a multi-agency basis between Dudley South PCT, Children's Services Commissioning within Dudley Beacon & Castle PCT, GPs, Dudley MBC Managers responsible for Children's Services, and Dudley Group of Hospitals Consultant Paediatricians and Paediatric Managers. These discussions have been ongoing for 3 years and have included vital work to map the full range of Children's Services provided by all agencies/organisations within the Borough of Dudley. In the past year, agreement has been reached that significant benefit could be achieved by the co-location of the Children's Assessment Unit (currently based at Russells Hall Hospital), community-based paediatric services, and Dudley MBC Children Services on a single site, developing a Community Paediatric Centre similar to the "GEM" Centre which operates in Wolverhampton.

### **2. Establishment of a Steering Group**

It is proposed that a Steering Group is established to drive forward the consolidation of discussions around Children's Service co-location and the development of a functional specification which would be utilised to procure the design and construction of a new purpose designed and built Centre.

It is proposed that the Steering Group Terms of Reference should include 2 main areas:

- advice on the access to and provision of Hydrotherapy to support Children's Services for the future;
- The development, approval and implementation of plans for a Dudley Community Paediatric Centre.

## **2.3 Timescale**

It is proposed that the identification of services for co-location should be developed and consulted upon with service users by December 2007. The functional specification of the building can then be developed by end January 2008 and, subject to identification of a suitable site, formal statutory consultation on relocation of services can commence by Spring 2008. A timescale and process will need to be developed for formal approvals by Dudley PCT, Practice Based Commissioning Clusters, Dudley MBC and Dudley Group of Hospitals Boards. Timescales will also need to be developed, dependant on the procurement route, for the design and construction of the proposed Centre. Dependant on the procurement route chosen, and the availability of land, it is possible that construction of the Centre could commence before the end of 2008.

## **4.1 Refurbishment of the Stourbridge Centre**

The interim accommodation in which the Paediatric OT and Physiotherapy services will be housed for both office accommodation and clinical services will be the Stourbridge Centre (formerly known as the Medical Services Centre or MSC). Scoping of the requirements of the accommodation to effectively provide both clinical and office functionality is being undertaken in consultation with representatives of the services. Plans have been produced of potential room layouts currently providing 4 options. Once a decision has been taken on the most appropriate layout, further work will be undertaken to confirm the work required to deliver that option in terms of the construction of the premises and the engineering works required.

## **4.2 Relocation of staff from Stourbridge Centre to Stourbridge Health and Social Care Centre**

The Stourbridge Centre currently provides office accommodation/team base for Paediatric and Primary Care OT, Paediatric Physiotherapy, Community Heart Failure Team, Community Stroke Team and the Worcester Street Community Nursing Team.

The commissioning of the Stourbridge Health and Social Care Centre which is expected to be operational from 17 September will enable the relocation of the Community Heart Failure Team, Community Stroke Team and the Worcester Street Community Nursing Team.

There will be a requirement to relocate the Primary Care (Adult) OT team to alternative premises and options are currently being explored.