

Consultation proposals

Care in your own bed

Consultation on proposals to further improve Intermediate Care Services in Sheffield

This leaflet summaries how NHS Sheffield proposes to improve Intermediate Care.

The recommendations come from listening to what patients, the public, staff and our partner organisations said earlier this year about what intermediate care should look like and where you would like your care to be delivered.

The consultation will run from 1st October to 24th December 2008.



Your views

Your views on the new service are very important to us. We would value any comments on how we propose to deliver these services.

Further information and the opportunity to put forward your views can be made at public meetings and discussion groups which will be held around the city. The dates of the meetings will be published widely in the local press, and there will be notices around the city, particularly in GP surgeries.

In addition, you can email your views to peter.conlan@sheffieldpct.nhs.uk

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Publishing the results from this consultation

The results of the consultation will be made available on the NHS Sheffield website www.sheffield.nhs.uk and through GP surgeries and libraries.

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Background

Earlier this year we looked at the delivery of intermediate care in other similar cities, and spoke to patients, staff and partner organisations in various settings in Sheffield.

The views collected on this work has helped NHS Sheffield and the city council understand what is needed to improve care in your home or as close to home as possible.

350 people took part in this work and we have taken account of all of these views.

If Sheffield health intermediate care services are to be among the very best, we must continue to work with you and in partnership with other organisations to arrange patient care that meets the needs of the Sheffield population.

We particularly value your comments on the proposals within this leaflet.

What is Intermediate Care?

Intermediate Care is a service for adults that provides health and personal care for unwell people to help them recover and provides :

- Care in peoples own home when possible
- Specialist short term rehabilitation both at home and in a community facility, including nursing and therapy. This will help people to recover from an acute illness and maintain their independence.

Who will provide Intermediate Care?

Intermediate care will be provided either at home or in a community facility.

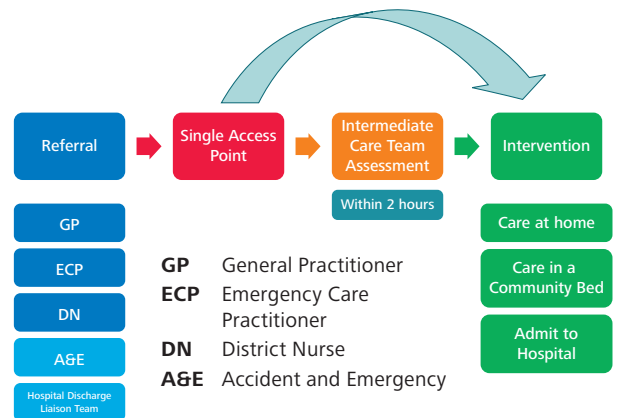
Intermediate Care will be delivered by experienced staff working for organisations that provide care in a community setting on a large scale and are familiar with NHS and Social Care Systems.

This is what you told us

To improve intermediate care services for people in Sheffield, you said we should

- Provide care closer to home,
- Make it easier and simpler to obtain the service
- Ensure services can be delivered in the right place, at the right time for the patient
- Ensure the service is value for money.

Access to the proposed new service



How will we provide this service?

Care in the community

NHS Sheffield has made major investment in community services this year to deliver more care in the community.

Care will continue to be provided by teams of nurses, therapists and health care support staff in patients' own homes.

Care in a community bed

Sheffield currently has a number of community beds in locations around the city.

We would like to provide all of our existing intermediate care health beds on one site in a new community facility with additional community health services.

The service will:

- Improve the access to community intermediate care services by providing a single point of access with a 2 hour response time for assessment of care needs
- Improve communication between GPs, hospital and community staff to improve your experience of care
- Expand the amount of care delivered at home; in the patient's own bed wherever that may be. This will ensure that patients will only be admitted to hospital if it is necessary. This care will be supported by a team of nurses, therapists, and support workers
- Expand the amount of care we deliver in the community to reduce the time patients have to spend in hospital
- Provide short term specialist rehabilitation both at home and in a community facility, including nursing and therapy, to enable patients to recover from an acute illness and for them to maintain independence, returning home as soon as possible.