

Consultation mandate – children’s surgery and anaesthesia services

Commissioners Working Together need to understand the views of all patients, public, stakeholders and staff who live and work in South Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire and those directly impacted by the proposals (which may include patients, public and stakeholders in surrounding areas) about the way in which children’s surgery and anaesthesia services are provided in the future.

Residents of Wakefield are not included in the consultation because their stroke services are connected to another ‘patient flow’ area (West Yorkshire) and services at Mid Yorkshire Hospitals are not part of the consultation. The approach to not consult with Wakefield residents but to raise awareness only was supported by the Wakefield Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The CCGs in Commissioners Working Together (Barnsley, Bassetlaw, Doncaster, Hardwick, North Derbyshire, Rotherham, Sheffield and Wakefield) have already decided that change is necessary to deliver safe, sustainable services that improve outcomes for patients. However, there are a number of areas where further information and/or suggestions could be made, these could include:

- The things that matter in relation to: receiving the right care; the staff providing the care and the timeliness of provision.
- The physical access to services in relation to transport and parking This is so that by April 2017 all CCGs can make an informed decision on progressing the future shape of children’s surgery and anaesthesia services ensuring that these are high quality, safe, sustainable and affordable and result in the best possible outcome and experience for patients.

The decision on the outcome of the consultation and next steps will be made by the CCGs at a meeting on 18 April 2017.