

NHS SERVICE RECONFIGURATION INITIAL CHECKLIST

1. Initial Information

<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Buxton out-reach rehabilitation medicine clinic</i>
<i>Contact Officer for project</i>	
<i>Contact Details</i>	
1.1	<p><i>Please provide as much detail as you can at this stage on the nature of the proposed service reconfiguration</i></p> <p>To move the monthly Consultant-led Rehabilitation Medicine clinic from Buxton to Stepping Hill due to low utilisation of this service; it is unaffordable to allocate Consultant resource to an outreach clinic with such low utilisation rates. This clinic will be re-provided at Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport, where Derbyshire patients will be able to access slots on a more frequent basis.</p>
1.2	<p><i>What will this proposal mean for patients and the public? (Please include information on potential impact on accessibility of services and general impacts for patients, carers, public etc.).</i></p> <p>For some patients who currently access this clinic, travelling to Stepping Hill will mean a greater distance to get to the clinic. However, Derbyshire patients will have access to regular clinics at Stepping Hill which run three times a week rather than once a month, so in this respect access will be improved as there will be greater availability of appointments to suit the patient.</p>

2. Please outline how this proposal has or will consider the four tests set out in the revised NHS Operating Framework 2010/11.

2.1	<p><i>Have GPs been engaged with the proposals? If not what plans are in place to ensure this happens?</i></p> <p>No. Only a very small number of GPs have referred into this service (7 GP referrals in the 5 month period from April 1st 2013). Once confirmed, the Trust will write to Derbyshire GPs to inform them of the service change.</p>
2.2	<p><i>How have patients and the public been engaged in this proposal to date and what further activity is planned?</i></p> <p>No. Once approved we will write to patients concerned to inform them of the change. This letter will inform them of how they can feedback any concerns to the Trust.</p>
2.3	<p><i>What is the clinical evidence base for this reconfiguration?</i></p> <p>The current service consists of one clinic a month which is cancelled when the Consultant is on leave. In future, access at Stepping Hill will include weekly clinics at different times which will improve accessibility and flexibility.</p>

2.4	<i>How does this proposed reconfiguration fit in with ensuring consistency for patient choice?</i>
	Improved choice of clinic appointment days / times as opposed to the one clinic / month currently available.

3. Further information

3.1	<i>Provide a brief outline of the financial implications of this project.</i>
	It is currently unaffordable for Stockport NHS Foundation Trust to continue to run a monthly clinic with such low utilisation rates of 2 or 3 patients per clinic, particularly when there is insufficient capacity in the Stepping Hill Clinics. The only way for Stockport NHS Foundation Trust to continue to run this clinic will be for Derbyshire CCG to cover the costs associated with this clinic e.g. through a higher tariff.
3.2	<i>Please provide a timetable / summary of key dates for activities relating to this project</i>
	November 2013 – write to patients affected and re-appoint in clinics in Stockport.
3.3	<i>Following completion of all engagement activity (Public, Clinical etc.) when will you update the Committee on the project?</i>
	December 2013.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS AND ANY FURTHER INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER TO:

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