

**Hampshire Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee**  
**14 May 2019**

**Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust update**

Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust (PHT) is providing updates to the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee on the following issue of interest:

**Transfer of Elective Spinal Service from Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust**

- Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee members discussed the proposed transfer and community engagement in relation to the Elective Spinal Service from Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust to University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust at their previous meeting held in September 2018. This paper provides an update on the transition of services which took place on the 31 October 2018.

## **Transfer of Elective Spinal Service from Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust**

As members are aware, the proposal to transfer the Elective Spinal Service from Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust (PHT) to University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHS) was discussed at the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee meeting held in September 2018. The Committee had previously agreed that the proposal did not constitute a substantial service change and that they were satisfied with the level of engagement carried out with local people prior to the transfer of service.

Committee members requested an additional update on the transition of services and any issues arising from the change.

The service transferred from PHT to UHS as planned on 31 October 2018. As a result, 154 patients from PHT were transferred to UHS and a further 91 patients were referred to community care provided by Solent NHS Trust following clinical triage.

PHT has retained ongoing communications with UHS and Solent NHS Trust following the transfer of services and, while some issues have been recorded, these have now been addressed and/or resolved:

- The original cohort of patients were reviewed by Solent NHS Trust, and PHT was advised where each patient was to be sent for treatment. While the majority of patients were informed in a timely manner, some patients experienced a slight delay. These were patients who were declined by UHS as community care was more appropriate for their needs, or were out of area. All of these patients and their GPs have now been informed in writing and referred to their local musculoskeletal service where appropriate.
- As a result of the increased number of patients being referred to community care, the community service reported to PHT that additional funding would be required. This was referred directly to commissioners who invested an additional £33,000 into the community service.
- UHS reported that one patient was not immediately referred to an appropriate service as they were not recorded on an appropriate waiting list. This has now been rectified and checks completed to ensure there were no further patients outstanding.
- PHT is not aware of any specific patient feedback or concerns.

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