

Update 20 June 2016

Development of the Rapid Access Care Unit (RACU)

We remain committed to securing a consultant led RACU service and have worked hard to ensure that an attractive job description has been developed which has been fully approved by the Royal College of Physicians. There is however a national shortage of doctors which is impacting on our ability to recruit. Unfortunately we have had no applications. In light of this we have met to discuss alternative options which could be put in place in the short term, pending a further recruitment drive. These options are being worked up and will be presented to the Townlands Stakeholder Reference Group (TSRG) at its next meeting in July. Meanwhile, recruitment and training of nursing and therapy staff is positive, and there has been a good response to the opportunity provided to work within the new service model.

Recruitment of Independent Chair

I am pleased to say that following a period of further advertising, we have now received 3 applications for the role of Chair for the stakeholder reference group. Shortlisting is currently taking place.

Stakeholder reference group

The next stakeholder reference group will be on Tuesday 19 July, 10am – 12pm in the council chambers at Henley Town Hall. The meeting will be held in public and if anyone would like to submit a question to this group, they can do this by emailing cscsu.talkinghealth@nhs.net or by writing to Julia Stackhouse at Central, Southern & West CSU, 5510 John Smith Drive, Oxford Business Park South, Oxford, OX4 2LH

The papers and minutes from all of the reference groups meetings are available here: <http://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/about-us/work-programmes/townlands-hospital-consultation/stakeholder-reference-group>

Responsible Localities – a new model for adult social care

The new model for adult social care – ‘Responsible Localities’ which aims to go live in October 2016. ‘Responsible Localities’ will deliver services for the most vulnerable whilst actively encouraging people to help themselves. It will include a cultural shift, from ‘I can fix it for you’ to ‘I will enable you to fix it for yourself’ wherever possible. Adult Social Care teams will deliver statutory responsibilities but where integrated working is required, teams will work with GP practices and community health services and local people, to manage local population health and social care needs. The intention is that Adult Social Care staff will spend more time working locally in neighbourhood patches alongside health colleagues. Further information about this initiative is available here: <http://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Responsible-Localities-Presentation.pdf>

The Order of St John Care Trust

The Order of St John Care Trust (OSJCT) are a not for profit charity that looks after 3,500 patients across Oxfordshire, Lincolnshire, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. OSJCT will be providing the services at the Care Home adjacent to Townlands Hospital. They are currently advertising in Henley for an Admiral Nurse to support the new Rapid Access Care Unit (RACU) and Integrated Locality Team.

Further information about OSJCT can be found here:

<http://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/OSJCT-Introductory-presentation-intermediate-care.pdf>

Maurice Tate Room

NHS Property services have agreed the wording for the new plaque with Maurice's son David. The wording is as follows:

***'The Maurice Tate Building stood in the Hospital Grounds from 1972-2016.
This room continues Maurice Tate's legacy, for the benefit of the local community'.***

Signage

NHS Property services have directed the construction team to add additional signage following daily reviews with them based on the current parking and pedestrian arrangements. We have provided better guidance for pedestrians as well as additional parking directional signage. We have also increased the number of Banksmen who are also providing way finding and parking support in person. This continues to be reviewed based on daily feedback from members of the public who visit the hospital.

The permanent external hospital signage is to be installed as part of the new car park construction and will be completed in full when the car park is completed in full which is scheduled for 19th August.

Parking

On 22nd of June 57 parking spaces of the new car park will be handed over in front of the hospital. The final completed access road and remaining car park to the Hospital and Care Home will then be completed and handed over on the 19th August, as per the current program of works. At handover we will have 70 Hospital spaces for staff and visitors and 24 for the care home staff and visitors.

Official opening of the hospital

The first meeting of the Opening Ceremony sub group will be held on Tuesday 28 June, to start the planning process.

Further information about the developments at Townlands Hospital can be found on our website: <http://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/about-us/work-programmes/townlands-hospital-consultation/governance-and-hosc/>

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