

**Cannock Chase Hospital (CCH)  
Integration with  
The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust**

*Current and Future Management of Services at Cannock Chase Hospital*

The separation of Cannock Chase Hospital from the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust (Stafford Hospital) took place very smoothly on the 1st November 2014. The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWT) now has full management responsibility for the delivery of inpatient and outpatient services on the site and plans to further develop both the site and services for patients in and around the Cannock area will continue.

**Ongoing Plans:**

- Work is ongoing for a dedicated Endoscopy Suite which will double our capacity to undertake these procedures at Cannock. It is anticipated that this facility will open to patients from 1st April 2015
- Trauma services ceased at County Hospital on 9<sup>th</sup> February and the service transition occurred smoothly. In line with local planning, elective Orthopaedic activity has been transferred to Cannock Hospital with the designation of a fifth operating theatre and an additional 13 beds to support this activity. This has supported the transfer of inpatient operating for 6 lower limb surgeons, who commenced operating at Cannock on 10<sup>th</sup> February and created capacity at New Cross Hospital to accommodate the anticipated increased trauma activity and operating theatre capacity for colorectal and breast surgery.
- The intention is to further expand elective Orthopaedic services at Cannock by building two new theatres at Cannock by December 2015.
- Following the successful transfer of Obstetrics Services on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015, Gynaecology transferred on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015. The Gynaecology team had worked closely with colleagues from UHNM to ensure the safe transfer of services. Clinics are continuing to run at Cannock Chase Hospital in addition to Obstetric and Gynaecology ultrasound service.
- There has been no reduction in the number of outpatient clinics carried out at Cannock Hospital.
- The Paediatrics service will transfer in May 2015. Additional beds have been identified and recruitment is currently ongoing for nursing staff to support this service.
- A free bus service for patients and staff operating from Wolverhampton Bus Station via New Cross Hospital to Cannock Hospital was operational from 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Patients attending appointments at either Cannock Hospital or New Cross Hospital will be able to use this service free of charge on production of an appropriate appointment letter. The service will run at

hourly intervals from 6:54am at Wolverhampton Bus Station with stops at New Cross Hospital, Featherstone, Wedges Mills and Cannock Chase Hospital, returning to Wolverhampton from 7:30am at hourly intervals until the last departure at Cannock Hospital at 21:40 pm.

- Car parking availability for patients, visitors and staff is recognised as a significant issue. It is hoped that the bus service will ease some of the pressures, however, plans are in place to increase the number of car parking spaces available at Cannock Hospital over the next few months. There will be a number of car parking spaces at Cannock Hospital allocated for Renal patients to use free of charge.

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