

Community Diagnostics:

The plan suggests that some diagnostic tests currently available in the community provided by InHealth will only be available at the hospital. This includes DEXA (bone) scans and endoscopy. Currently patients can go to InHealth centres in Ealing or Waterloo for their investigations. It is proposed that patients will need to go to local hospitals including Charing Cross; St Marys and Chelsea and Westminster instead. The InHealth service has very short waiting times so this change may mean that patients may have to wait a week or two longer to have their investigation.

DEXA scans measure bone density and are usually needed by older women to check for brittle bones (osteoporosis).

People of all ages and backgrounds may need to access endoscopy investigations so we do not think there is any particular group of people who will be more affected than others.

MRI and ultrasound scans will still be available in the community at a range of InHealth sites as well as the hospital.

Community Gynaecology

The plan suggests that the community gynaecology service currently available at Parkview Medical Centre and Charing Cross Hospital will no longer be available. It is proposed that patients will need to go to local hospitals including Charing Cross; St Marys and Chelsea and Westminster instead. The community service has very short waiting times so this change may mean that patients will have to wait a week or two longer to have their appointment.

Women of all ages and backgrounds may need to access a gynaecology service so we do not think there is any particular group of people who will be more affected than others.

Community Dermatology

The plan suggests that the community dermatology service currently available at Parsons Green Health Centres will no longer be available. It is proposed that patients will be managed by their local GPs for skin conditions; rashes and removal of simple lumps and bumps or will need to go to local hospitals including Charing Cross; St Marys and Chelsea and Westminster instead. The community service has very short waiting times so this change may mean that patients needing to go to the hospital may have to wait a week or two longer to have their hospital appointment.

People of or all ages and backgrounds may need to access a hospital dermatology service so we do not think there is any particular group of people who will be more affected than others

Community Cardiology

The plan suggests that the community cardiology service currently available at Parkview Health Centre and Charing Cross Hospital will no longer be available. It is proposed that patients will need to go to local hospital cardiology clinics including Charing Cross; Hammersmith; St Marys and Chelsea and Westminster instead. The community service has very short waiting times so this change may mean that patients needing to go to the hospital may have to wait a week or two longer to have their hospital appointment.

Older people may need to access cardiology services more than younger people and so may be more affected by the change. People with cardiac problems may also have a carer who may also be impacted by the change.

Dementia Services

- **Music for Life**
- **Resonate Arts**
- **Singing for the Brain**

The plan suggests that these three creative arts based projects delivered in community settings will no longer be available.

These services are commissioned to primarily support people with dementia aged 65+. As a result this plan will have no impact on the vast majority of the local HF population. However given that dementia is an age related disease, the impact among the very old in particular may be increased as the likelihood of having dementia within this age group is high (e.g. 22% of 95 + year olds are on a dementia register)

It is proposed that residents living with dementia and their carers will need to be signposted to a range of alternative provisions available in the Borough as follows;

- Dementia Link Service – x4 dementia link workers attached to the three Primary Care GP networks
- GPs
- Cognitive Impairment Dementia Service (WLMHT)
- St Vincent's Day Service for people with dementia
- Dementia Support Worker
- Dementia Café held monthly in H&F.
- Non dementia specific services offered by the Third Sector
- Carers Network

Life After Stroke

The plan suggests that this support service to stroke survivors will no longer be available. There are approx. 120 admissions for stroke each year in H&F. People of all ages and backgrounds may have a stroke and benefit from access to this type of service which provides information, advice and signposting including peer led support activities and volunteers.

Prevalence of stroke may be higher in certain groups such as those with hypertension; Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) and sickle cell.

It is proposed that patients who have a stroke will need to be signposted to alternative support services. This will be a core part of Multi-disciplinary Team (MDT) input for patients and their families on the ward at Charing Cross hospital and a key component of discharge planning arrangements.

The CCG are working with current providers of Level 2 Neuro Rehabilitation services to develop a joined up step down pathway for patients from hospital to the community which will include supporting stroke survivors and their carers/family in other ways.