

# The Better Healthcare Programme

for Banbury and surrounding areas



## Newsletter

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Welcome to the March newsletter. This is an update on the future plans for the Horton General Hospital; we hope you find it informative and interesting. Through this newsletter we hope to keep all stakeholders<sup>†</sup> updated on progress on a regular basis. On the PCT website you will find more information including copies of reports, papers and previous newsletters.

### Latest on the implementation of service proposals at the Horton:

The BHP is happy with the progress of implementation of recommendations to date and is confident that the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust (ORH) is committed to implementing all aspects of proposals for the Horton.

#### Paediatrics and Anaesthetics:

The implementation of proposals for Paediatrics and Anaesthetics is now complete. The new rota for anaesthetics has been operational since 1 November 2010 and is running well.

Furthermore, following recruitment in September and December, the ORH has appointed to 10 out of 11 of the consultant paediatrician posts. All post holders should be in place by April when the new rota will start. This will bring stability to the staffing at the Horton and help to integrate the paediatric service across the John Radcliffe and Horton hospitals.

The remaining consultant paediatrician post will be advertised later this year and a locum will cover the vacancy in the interim. Planning is also underway to ensure that the induction of the newly appointed paediatricians includes an introduction to the community.

This will include building knowledge of the Banbury community and being introduced to key people and key organisations in the wider health and social care system.

#### Obstetrics and Gynaecology:

The current arrangements for Obstetrics and Gynaecology remain robust and the ORH remains committed to implementing the proposals agreed by the Programme Board and the PCT and ORH Trust Boards.

In the last Better Healthcare Programme newsletter, published at the end of December, it was reported that the Oxford Deanery (the organisation that co-ordinates the delivery and funding of postgraduate medical education in Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire) was undertaking a review around reducing the number of Obstetrics and Gynaecology training posts across the region.

In light of this, the implementation of BHP proposals for Obstetrics and Gynaecology were put on hold whilst the ORH sought greater clarity on the future of training accreditation for posts at the Horton.

It has now become clear that any decision from the Deanery may be some time away. So, the ORH is proceeding with implementing proposals for Obstetrics, with work being led by the Horton Obstetric Group (HOG).

The community is represented on the HOG by CPF members Dr Peter Fisher and Dr Gwyneth Rogers, and the group will continue to share progress with stakeholders.

As part of the implementation process, job planning is currently being undertaken and there will be a discussion about this, the detail of the work involved and likely timeframes at the next Programme Board on 29 March.

The Horton Obstetric Group will also develop a number of workforce planning scenarios for Obstetrics, in line with BHP recommendations, should training accreditation be removed in the future.

Changes to training arrangements are not unusual and the ORH is used to managing the implications whilst services carry on with business as usual.

The current arrangements for Obstetrics and Gynaecology are robust and there are no concerns about the sustainability of the service whilst this work is being undertaken.

### Next steps and succession:

Assuming that the Programme Board is satisfied with the way plans for Obstetrics are being agreed steps will be taken at the Board meeting on 29 March to close the BHP.

At the next meeting of the CPF, 15 March, options for building on the existing Programme structure to support future work on local health services, working with the ORH and emerging GP Commissioning Consortium will be debated. Proposals will then be submitted to for discussion at the meeting of the Programme Board.

It has been suggested that the new forum will be a single successor body drawing membership from the CPF and Programme Board. All parties involved in these discussions are keen that momentum is not lost. The BHP and CPF have achieved a great deal over the last two years and a valuable platform for engagement has been cultivated.

It is envisaged that the new forum could meet in June to discuss developments in Obstetrics and the on-going work on the Vision for the Horton.

### Vision for the Horton:

A workshop was held with members of the CPF, GPs and staff from the ORH and NHS Oxfordshire on the 11 January 2011. The aim of the workshop was to continue to develop a shared understanding of the opportunities and issues facing services provided for the people of Banburyshire and discuss important themes relating to the Horton;

- 24/7 Acute Cover
- Development of Tertiary Services
- Secondary/Primary/Social Care Interface
- Intermediate Care
- Education and Training
- Research and Development
- Patient and Public Involvement

The top priorities relating to each theme were discussed and the key stakeholders needed for continued involvement in each area of work were also identified.

The ORH will now develop a work programme based on the issues identified in the workshops and integrate the work into the ongoing refresh of the Trust's Clinical Services Strategy, Integrated Business Plan and Long Term Financial Model.

**For more details on the Vision for the Horton, please see <http://bit.ly/ORHhortonvision>**

### Dates for the Diary

#### Community Partnership Forum

15 March 09:30 - 12:30, Room 163/164 Bodicote House, Banbury. All welcome

#### Better Healthcare Programme Board

29 March 10 09:30 - 12:00, Council Chambers, Bodicote house, Banbury. The meeting is held in public. All welcome

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