

GLOUCESTERSHIRE HEALTH COMMUNITY SAVINGS PROPOSALS

PROPOSALS	DESCRIPTION	LEAD ORGANISATION	SPEND AREA
Proposals where we need to get on and do			
1. PCT Management Costs and premises	As part of reconfiguration of PCTs proposed for 2006, 15% reduction in management and administrations is required (national targets). PCTs are already holding vacancies and will need to agree onward plans once the outcome of consultation is confirmed and new Chair and Chief Executive in post.	Each PCT	Corporate
2. Reduced payments to GP Practices	<p>GP Appraisals – PCTs have led the introduction of appraisals for GPs. This is now a well established process. Current spend including support is £320k. It is proposed that GPs now be responsible for funding their own appraisal. The PCTs will continue to offer organisational support</p> <p>PCTs can make a number of discretionary payments to GP practices. It is proposed that these cease</p>	<p>Each PCT</p> <p>Each PCT</p>	Primary Care
3. More effective and efficient drugs prescribing across the board	The current prescribing spend is £81m. Practices across Gloucestershire have improved the clinical and cost of effectiveness of prescribing. Prescribing advisors will look at further benchmarking to continue the drive for improvement	Each PCT	Prescribing
4. Private Placements Purchasing	To work with Gloucestershire Partnership Trust and Gloucestershire County Council to assess the scope for improved value for money purchasing of individual private placements. Current spend is £15m	Cheltenham & Tewkesbury PCT	Mental Health
5. Out of County Contracts	To work with Gloucestershire Hospitals Foundation NHS Trust and Gloucestershire Partnership Trust to assess use of Out of County		Acute and Mental Health

	contracts for tertiary referrals (current spend £41m)		
6. Procurement	Review scope for continued efficiencies in procurement	All Trusts	Corporate and all services
7. Back Office support services	Review scope for continued efficiencies in shared back office support services	GHNHSFT	Corporate
Proposals for new spend			
8. Prison Health Services	It is proposed to defer further development of healthcare services in Gloucester Prison over the year	West Gloucestershire PCT	Mental Health
9. Nurse Led Ward	It is proposed, that we no longer proceed with the pilot for the Nurse Led Ward at Cheltenham General Hospital	Cotswold & Vale PCT	Acute
10. NICE Guidance	We are proposing to defer implementation of new NICE guidance. Patients would continue to be able to ask for individual review under our Interventions Not Normally Funded procedures	Each PCT	Acute
Proposals for Implementation in 2006/07			
11. Community Minor Injuries Unit	Attendances at some of the community hospital MIUs are low at particular periods (e.g. night time) and there are clinical and cost effectiveness issues for PCTs to manage. Proposals are for individual PCTs to review MIU arrangements at specific times at Berkeley, Dilke and Tewkesbury Hospitals	Each PCT	Community
12. Health Visiting Services	To move to a more targeted Health Visiting Service focused at those in most need of support. Currently PCTs spend some £4.4m on Health Visiting Services	Each PCT	Community
13. Community Teams	Reviewing Community Nursing, Specialist Community and Therapy Team structures to achieve a wider skill mix making more effective use of the range of skills within teams Assessing scope for use of new technology in reducing need for administrative support	Each PCT/Lead PCT	Community

14. Patient support services	To review patient support, information, audit and health promotion services to assess the scope for a more streamlined response across community PALS, GUIDE, Primary and Community Clinical Audit and Health Promotion	Each PCT	Corporate
15. Smoking Cessation	To review current use of funds. Current spend of £525k	West Gloucestershire PCT	Primary Care
16. Primary Out of Hours Services	To review the current model for the Primary Out of Hours Service, two years on, to ensure as effective and efficient service design as possible	Cheltenham & Tewkesbury PCT	Primary Care
17. Community Dental Service	To review scope for reduction in spend in current community dental service (current spend £1.5m)	Cotswold & Vale PCT	Community
18. Patient Transport	To review criteria for access to patient transport services (current spend £1.4m)	Cheltenham & Tewkesbury PCT	Ambulance
19. Emergency Ambulance Services	The demand for Emergency Ambulance Service provision continues to rise. The proposal is to redeploy ambulance staff and vehicles from Newent to other parts of Gloucestershire to reflect demand	Great Western Ambulance Trust	Ambulance
20. Reduce the number of follow up outpatient visits	Whilst the ratio of new/follow up appointments is good – we are working with local GPs and GHNHSFT to review needs for patient follow up in a hospital outpatient setting. Current spend on outpatient follow up services is over £20m	PCTs with GHNHSFT	Acute
21. Rehabilitation Services and work to reduce length of stay across all specialties	PCTs current spend £18m on rehabilitation services with GHNHSFT. PCTs working with partners and GHNHSFT want to look at securing alternative rehabilitation services closer to patients' homes or in the home. PCTs will also work with GHNHSFT to support further reductions in length of stay across all specialties. This will impact on the overall need for beds leading to the closure over time of Delancey Hospital	GHNHSFT and PCTs	Acute
22. Access to acute care	To review a number of service areas to assess impact of reduction in access e.g. referral routes for optometrists and dentists, planned	PCTs	Acute

	caesarean operations		
23. Community Hospitals	Further review of the roles of Community Hospitals in Cotswold and Vale PCT (linked to current PCT "Better Healthcare Closer to Home" review), in the Forest of Dean and in Tewkesbury (current PCT review "Tomorrows Health") and in Winchcombe	Each PCT	Community
24. Mental Health Services	Rationalising mental health inpatient services for adults and older people onto two sites	Gloucestershire Partnership Trust	Mental Health
25. Mental Health Services	Reviewing on call services for each client group	Gloucestershire Partnership Trust	Mental Health
26. Day Hospitals and Day Services	Review of Day Hospital and Day services (including mental health services) to concentrate resources on health needs only	PCTs and Gloucestershire Partnership Trust	Community and Mental Health
Proposals for Implementation post 2006/07			
27. Acute Inpatient Services	Rationalising inpatient acute services onto one site where it is clinically and cost effective to do so. The services to be considered are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral surgery and maxillofacial • Vascular • Gynaecology • Urology • Paediatric • Obstetrics 	GHNSHFT	Acute
28. Breast Care Services	To review the most effective location for the delivery of breast care services	GHNSHFT	Acute
29. Trauma and Emergency Care	To review arrangements for Trauma and Emergency Care	GHNSHFT	Acute