

## **Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

### **Update to Trafford Health Scrutiny Committee on the relocation of the services from Stretford Memorial Hospital to Trafford General and Altrincham Hospital**

#### **1. Introduction**

This paper provides an update on the arrangements for transferring services to Trafford General Hospital and Altrincham Hospital, after the closure of the Stretford Memorial Hospital site due to concerns about risks to the health and wellbeing of patients and staff.

The majority of outpatient services were transferred to Trafford General, with some also going to Altrincham Hospital. Arrangements were made for Phlebotomy services to continue to be provided in the Stretford area, to support primary care and to optimise patient access.

#### **2. Update**

The two phlebotomy sessions that were being provided at Stretford Memorial have been transferred to the community. These are now being held at Ayres Road GP Practice on Wednesday afternoon and at Seymour Grove GP Practice on Friday morning. 141 patients accessed the Ayres Road afternoon clinic at Stretford in February.

The Seymour Grove clinic has recently started in March, and attendance data is being collected.

The Trafford management team have written to GPs to inform them of the new phlebotomy services and the increased opening time at Trafford Hospital for GP access patients.

All of the remaining outpatient clinics were moved to the Trafford and Altrincham sites and all patients who attended Stretford were informed of the changes by letter. Of these patients, there have been five diabetes patients who indicated that they would rather attend Central Manchester.

The one clinic which has seen a drop in attendances is the TB nurse led clinic which has been relocated at Altrincham. The Trafford Hospitals management team is looking at other options to see if this can be located at Trafford or the Central site.

Trafford Division has not been notified of a complaint regarding the closure of Stretford and the relocation of services to the Trafford and Altrincham site.

#### **3. Conclusion**

In general terms, it would appear that the services are continuing to be used in their new locations in much the same way as they were on the Stretford Memorial site.

The Phlebotomy service at Ayres Road GP Practice is well used, and the addition of a service at Seymour Grove will enhance accessibility.

Action needs to be taken to address the reduce levels of activity at the TB nurse-led clinic, and this may result in the service being relocated.

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