

Portsmouth HOSP – March 2024

Solent NHS Trust update

Shearwater

Over recent weeks, Solent staff have been working at pace to help service demand in the wider Portsmouth and Southeast Hampshire system which is continuing to face significant and sustained pressure.

Some of the proactive measures have been concentrated on the planned opening of surge beds – Solent's specific work, alongside Portsmouth City Council colleagues, has centred on Shearwater Care Home in the city.

Following CQC registration, Shearwater is now open and receiving patients – with the intention of supporting the flow of patients, initially from wards currently in Adults Portsmouth (Summerlee and Spinnaker wards) who are medically optimised for discharge but are awaiting packages of care. This will allow those wards to take on patients from acute settings including Portsmouth Hospitals.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

The work to bring together community, mental health and learning disability services across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight into a new, combined NHS Foundation Trust is on track and continuing to make good progress. Bringing services into a single organisation will result in more consistent care, reduce unwarranted variation, provide equal access to services irrespective of where people live across the area and create a more sustainable workforce and services.

A new name has been identified for the Trust – Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

A considerable amount of progress has been made in recent months:

- A new designate executive and non-executive leadership team have been appointed. Community partners and service users from across the area were involved in their appointment. The new executive team includes directors from Southern Health, Solent and Isle of Wight Trusts, and two new appointments from outside the system.
- A high-level [Clinical Strategy](#) for the new trust has also been developed, setting out the overarching clinical aims and principles. This strategy aligns with the existing healthcare system priorities and strategies and has been developed in collaboration with clinicians from provider NHS Trusts, other partners and people with lived experience.
- The majority of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), provided by Sussex Partnership in Hampshire, moved into Southern Health at

the beginning of February in preparation to transfer to the new trust, and this transition has gone well.

- Ongoing collaborative working has continued across all clinical teams to identify best practice and opportunities to develop and improve services in the new organisation. Updates on this work have been shared with our community partners along with opportunities for them to get more closely involved with this work.
- Detailed and ongoing integration planning has continued to prepare for the organisations to come together. Our ongoing focus is on the safe transition of services so that our service users and communities remain unaffected as the new organisations come together.
- We have developed our corporate values in consultation with our staff and community partners. As a Trust we CARE; Compassionate, Accountable, Respectful, Excellence.

We are preparing now to recruit new members and governors who will form part of the new Trust's constituency.

The transaction that will create the new trust is subject to an assurance process by NHS England. As part of that process NHS England are currently reviewing a [full business case](#) agreed and submitted by the trusts involved. This is a detailed plan describing the case for change, the benefits and the work to bring the Trusts together. Their decision around the timescales for when the new organisation can be formed is expected in early March.

There will be minimal change to services when the new trust is formed. Once the new trust is formed, we will continue to work closely with service users, local communities and our staff to implement the improvements we all want to see at a pace that is right for everyone.

You can [read more about Project Fusion](#).

Parking at St Mary's Community Health Campus

Our Access, Travel and Transport working group is undertaking a comprehensive review of our parking capacity across our Solent-owned sites.

The aim of our ongoing review is to facilitate easier access to healthcare appointments for patients, while supporting access, travel and transport for colleagues across the Trust, as well as promoting more sustainable travel options.

As part of this review, we recently appointed a new parking provider – CPM UK – to manage parking. They recently introduced new user-friendly parking machines at St Mary's Community Health Campus. We will soon be rolling out a new, equitable, staff parking permit system at St Mary's in the coming months.