

Paediatric Assessment Unit Chase Farm Hospital

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Health Scrutiny Standing Workstream

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The BEH Clinical Strategy 2013

- Developed by local clinicians
- Aim to improve the health of local people, tackle health inequalities, and deliver safer, higher quality services for local people
- Proposals were subject to a major public consultation and independent review by expert clinicians
- Key changes:
 - A&E and maternity and inpatient children's services concentrated on Barnet and NMUH sites
 - A new Urgent Care Centre opened at Chase Farm together with and Older People's Assessment Unit and a Paediatric Assessment Unit (PAU)

Since November 2013

- Both the Urgent Care Centre and the Older People’s Assessment Unit are well utilised, well regarded and offer excellent care and value, however attendances at the PAU are consistently low

2015	Chase Farm Hospital Attendances			
	UCC	OPAU	PAU	Total
January	676	141	70	746
February	765	126	79	844
March	1080	183	62	1142
April	830	165	47	877
May	849	147	42	891
June	848	145	46	894
July	770	125	44	814
August	510	146	23	533
September	641	143	39	680
October	726	138	55	781
November	800	158	57	857
December	789	141	48	837
Total	9,284	1,758	612	9,896

What does the Chase Farm PAU do?

- It is a paediatric consultant led service that enables children aged 0-18 who are not able to be managed within the Urgent Care Centre, to be assessed, treated and observed by trained paediatric staff
- Referrals can also be made by a GP or other service but the PAU **is not a self referral unit**
- If a child or young person attends the UCC or PAU who should be more appropriately seen in another setting then there is a transfer protocol in place and the transfer will be arranged by the staff

Number of Chase Farm PAU attendances

- The number of attendances at the Unit have been consistently low
- The PAU would usually be funded by the PbR tariff (payment for each attendance) but for the Chase Farm PAU this would not cover the cost of providing the service
- Enfield CCG currently invests £409,000 a year in the PAU

Review of the Chase Farm PAU

- A review of the Unit was agreed in the summer of 2015
- The review was chaired by the Enfield CCGs Governing Body lead for children and involved clinical staff from the Royal Free Hospital, including clinicians who work in the PAU
- The review group was asked to review the effectiveness of the current model in the context of the overall provision for children

Key findings of the review

- From December 2013 to October 2015, referrals have been consistently low, at an average of two per day
- The majority of patients attending the PAU are re-directed from the UCC
- There have been limited numbers of patients who have required onward referral to specialist services, with the majority either treated and discharged or treated within the Enfield health system
- The PAU has provided clinical advice and guidance for Enfield GPs, however a limited number of GPs use this service

Clinical service re-design at the Chase Farm site

- The Urgent Care Centre will continue to see and treat children with urgent care needs at Chase Farm
- Children who attend the Urgent Care Centre who need to be seen by a paediatrician on the same day would be transferred to another unit using the transfer protocol that is already in place
- Instead of a PAU, we want to introduce urgent access outpatient appointments to ensure that where appropriate a child or young person seen in primary care or other settings, including the UCC, can be seen within two weeks by a paediatrician
- This would improve accessibility to a wider group of children rather than just those who are currently seen within the PAU, benefitting more patients

Clinical service re-design at the Chase Farm site

- Enfield CCGs Clinical Reference Group considered the Quality Impact Assessment for the current and revised service and:
 - Recommended that there are no known additional clinical safety considerations as patients will be seen in existing settings, transferred to appropriate settings across other Providers and offered the choice of preferred Providers with care closer to home where appropriate and available;
 - Recommended that there are no known additional clinical effectiveness considerations as patients will be seen in existing settings and transferred to appropriate settings across other Providers;
 - Recommended that the service will not change the usual emergency referral pathways but that a robust transition plan should be in place including clear communication with GPs.

NB: Enfield CCGs Clinical Reference Group (CRG) consists of senior clinicians who advise the CCG on clinical matters and make recommendations about pathways, service specifications and clinical outcomes

Conclusion

- This is a service re-design which has been led by clinicians
- The conclusion of the Review Group was supported by the CRG
- The Enfield CCG has the responsibility to ensure that services are commissioned which meet the needs of its population whilst being the most clinically appropriate and cost effective models of care
- The current model of PAU does not deliver value for money. With the redevelopment of Chase Farm underway, this is an opportunity to develop new and more integrated services for children

Transition

- Managers and clinicians from the Royal Free Hospital were members of the review group
- A transfer protocol is already in place for children or young people who attend the UCC or PAU who would be more appropriately seen in another setting
- The Urgent Care Centre (UCC) is a whole population service which is led and delivered by GPs who are experienced and confident in the assessment of children
- The Paediatric staff working in the PAU have supported the UCC and it has been agreed that this will continue for 3 months
- A communication plan will be put in place to ensure that the proposed changes are fully communicated

Impact on Chase Farm re-development

- The Chase Farm redevelopment is an opportunity to design a new hospital with space and services which meets the needs of our population now and in the future
- Children services are included in the Chase Farm redevelopment
- The plans for the re-development includes a children's footprint that can be used flexibly and this will continue to be the case

