

Trigger template for standard variations to health services

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Trigger	Please comment as applicable
Reasons for the change	
What change is being proposed?	<p>Currently, patients requiring outpatient radiotherapy and chemotherapy for cancer treatment receive this care in a variety of locations across Guy's & St Thomas' sites.</p> <p>It is proposed to build a new Cancer Treatment Centre at Guy's Hospital which will bring together all outpatient radiotherapy chemotherapy and supportive care services across the two hospitals into one location.</p> <p>Radiotherapy is provided using Linear Accelerators (Linacs). Currently the Trust treats approximately 3000 pts /year on 6 Linacs.</p>
Why is this being proposed?	<p>This change will improve the patients experience by providing services in purpose built facilities in one location.</p> <p>The facilities will accommodate up to date equipment to provide the best care. It will also increase capacity to meet the increasing demand for cancer treatment. The future requirement is for 4000 pts to be treated which requires an increase to 11 Linacs.</p>
What stage is the proposal at and what is the planned timescale for the change(s)?	The proposal is at the Outline Business Case stage and if approved in September ,a Full Business Case will then be developed. If approved the plan is to open the building in 2014.
Are you planning to consult on this?	Patients and the public are being involved in the design process. Models and pictures of the proposed building (part of a RIBA run competition) will be displayed in strategic areas around the Trust site and community locations including Southwark council offices. People are being asked for their comments on these designs. There will be a patient and public engagement plan developed as part of the Full Business Case process in 2011.
Are changes proposed to the accessibility to services?	Briefly describe
Changes in opening times for a service	The aim is to open the building from 0800-2000 which will increase the number of patients that can be treated .
Withdrawal of in-patient, out-patient, day patient or diagnostic facilities for one or more speciality from the same location	None
Relocating an existing service	Radiotherapy and outpatients will relocate from 4 different departments across Guy's & St Thomas' to one department in the proposed cancer treatment centre.
Changing methods of accessing a service such as the appointment system etc.	Most patients requiring Radiotherapy and outpatient care will receive this in one location at Guy's hospital rather than a variety of locations which will be less confusing.
Impact on health inequalities - reduced or improved access to all sections of the community e.g. older people; people with learning difficulties/physical and sensory disabilities/mental health needs; black and ethnic minority communities; lone parents.	<p>There is an unmet need for Radiotherapy in the community affecting many groups of patients, particularly older people.</p> <p>The CTC will provide an increase in the availability of Radiotherapy and improve access.</p>

What patients will be affected?	Briefly describe:
Changes that affect a local or the whole population, or a particular area in the borough.	All patient across Lambeth and Southwark and Kent requiring outpatient care and radiotherapy for cancer will equally benefit from this proposed change.
Changes that affect a group of patients accessing a specialised service	The co-location of services within the CTC will mean that patients will not have to move around between departments on the Guys site or move between Guy's and St Thomas' site as much as they do now.
Changes that affect particular communities or groups	as above
Are changes proposed to the methods of service delivery?	Briefly describe:
Moving a service into a community setting rather than being hospital based or vice versa	n/a
Delivering care using new technology	n/a
Reorganising services at a strategic level	n/a
What impact is foreseeable on the wider community?	Briefly describe:
Impact on other services (e.g. children's / adult social care)	There is no foreseeable impact on the wider community.