



Children's operations and anaesthetics

Changes in: Barnsley, Bassetlaw, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Rotherham, Sheffield, Wakefield

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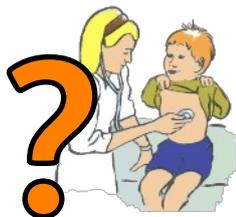


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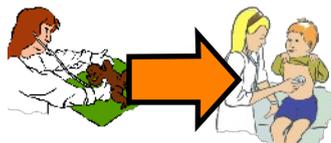
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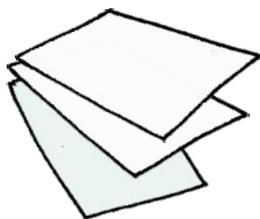
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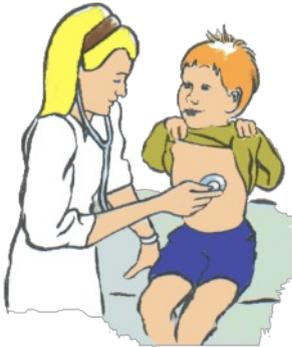
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Commissioners Working Together wrote this booklet.



We are 8 local Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). CCGs plan and pay for NHS services for local people.



The booklet is about some children's services in South and Mid Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire.



Last year we asked people about children's operations and about **anaesthetics** (when you are sent to sleep for an operation).

People said they want:



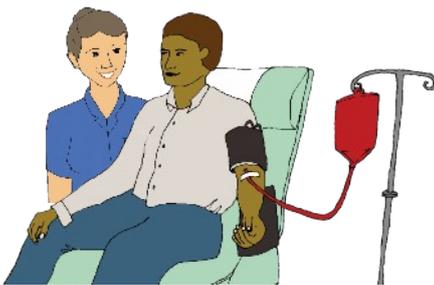
- to see a doctor as soon as possible



- good, safe care and treatment



- care close to home



- care from special services when they need it



- support and information for families and carers.



At the moment this is not happening for everyone. Children in some areas get better care than others. This is not fair.



This booklet explains how we think we could give every child a better service.

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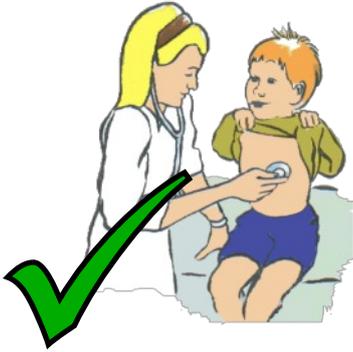
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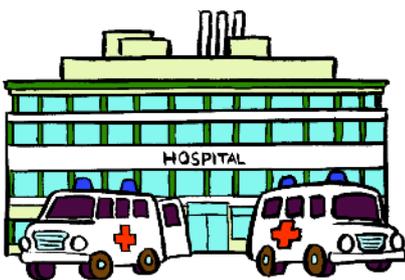
Which services would change



Most services will stay the same.



Most children will still go to their local hospital for treatment if they do not need to be put to sleep for an operation or stay in hospital overnight.



Children with difficult health problems will still use the special services at Sheffield Children's Hospital.



We only want to change things when a child needs to be put to sleep for some operations:



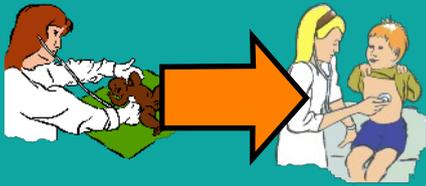
- at night

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- at the weekend



- or need to stay in hospital overnight.



Why things need to change

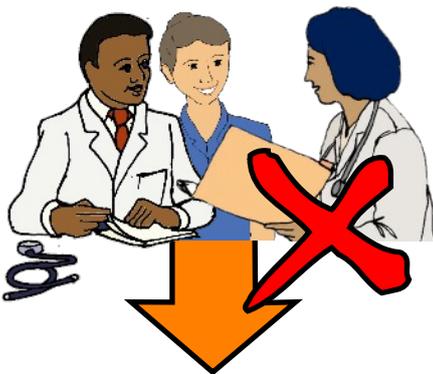


We want all children to get the same good care and treatment.

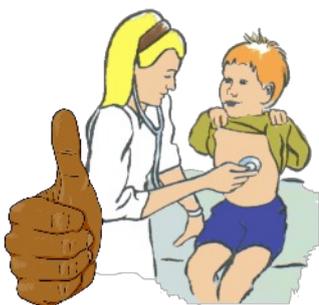


Sometimes this does not happen because:

- some doctors and nurses treat more children than others. This means they are experts and can give good, safe care



- we do not have enough doctors and nurses in the UK who are trained to operate on children



We need to use our staff to give local children the best service they can.



The changes would help staff share their skills and knowledge about operating on children.



We think this would give every child the same chance to have good, safe care.



How we decided on the choices

NHS



We worked with:

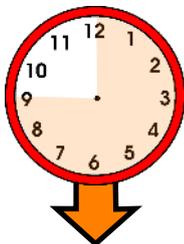
- NHS staff and managers



- people who pay for services



- people who check services.



We asked:

- can patients get to a hospital in 45 minutes or less?



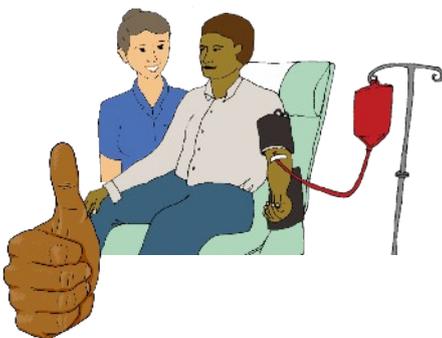
- if services change, will hospitals be able to treat more patients?



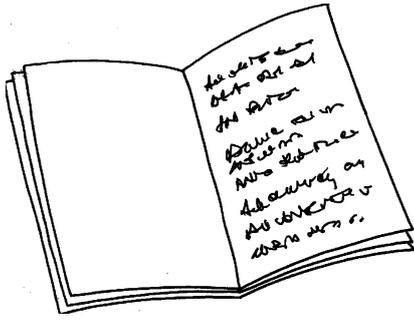
- how will changes affect patients and services in other areas?



- will this give people the care they say they want?



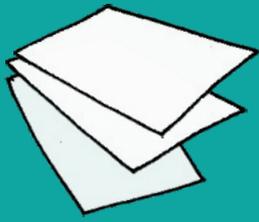
- is this the best way to use our staff to give good care?



The next pages say more about the 3 choices.



Please get involved and help us plan what happens next.



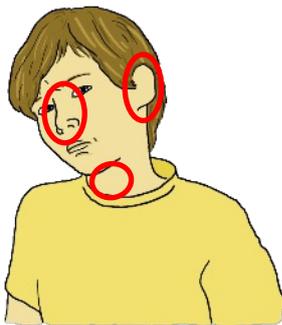
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For each choice, children would go to the best hospital for what they need.



All the choices are for when a child needs to be put to sleep for an operation on their:



- ear, nose or throat



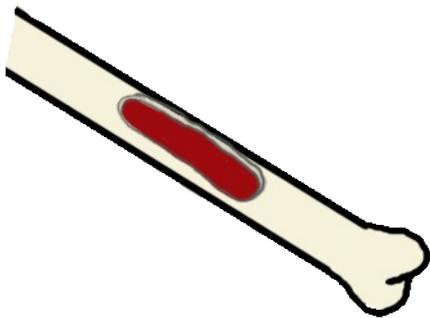
- stomach



- eyes



- mouth or teeth



- bones



- bladder or private parts.



And when they need to be put to sleep:

- at night

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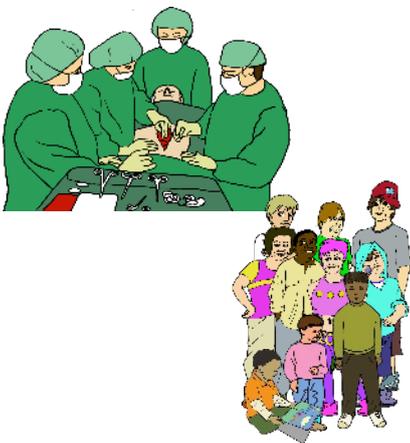
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- or need to stay in hospital overnight.

Choice 1.

Children who need these operations would go to:



- Chesterfield Royal Hospital
- Doncaster Royal Infirmary
- Pinderfields General Hospital in Wakefield
- Sheffield Children's Hospital.



We think this would affect:

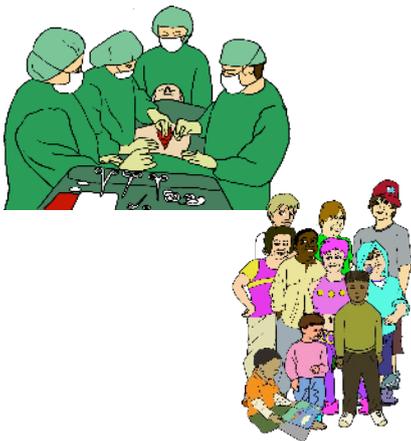
- 1 in every 10 children in Barnsley who need an operation



- 1 in 8 children in Rotherham.

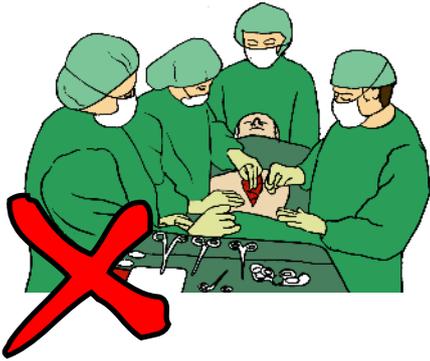
Choice 2.

Children who need these operations would go to:



- Doncaster Royal Infirmary
- Pinderfields General Hospital in Wakefield
- Sheffield Children's Hospital.

These hospitals would not do the operations any more:



- Barnsley
- Chesterfield
- Rotherham.

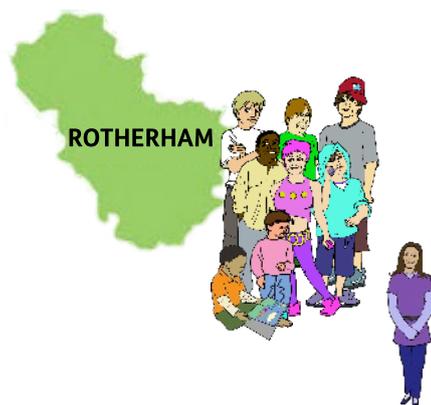


We think this would affect:

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- 1 in 16 in Chesterfield



- 1 in 8 children in Rotherham.

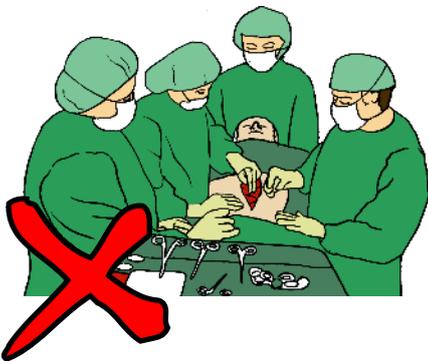
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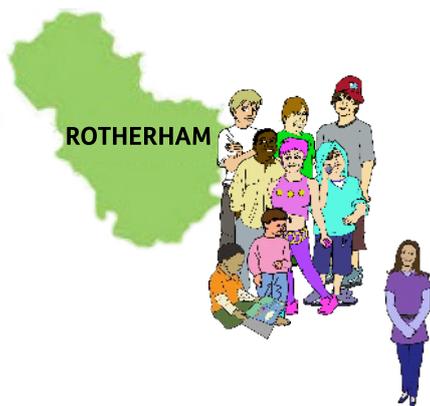
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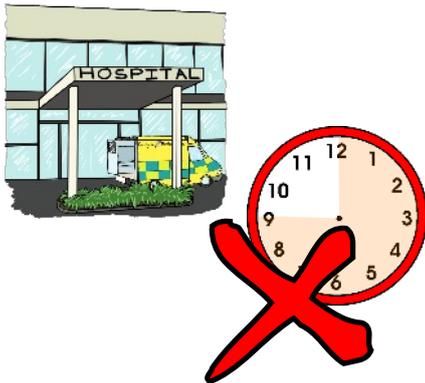


What we think



We think **Choice 2** is best because:

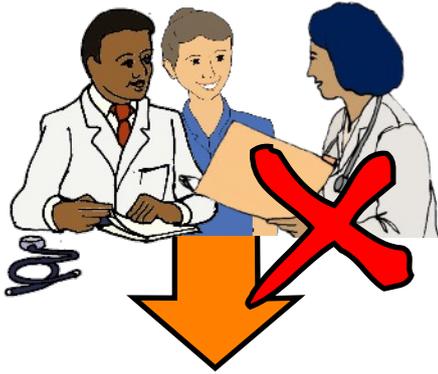
- we can make sure we have the right staff in each hospital



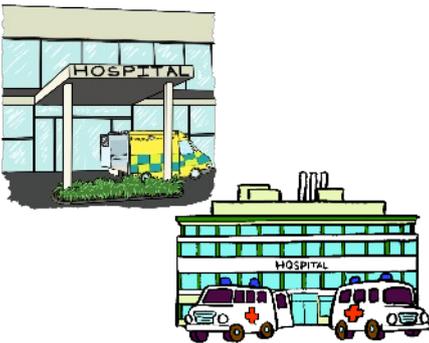
- no one will have to travel more than 45 minutes to get to hospital



- we can give all local children the same safe operations and anaesthetics.



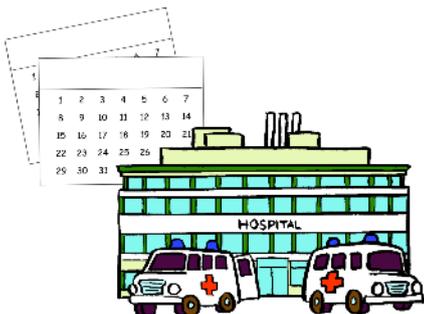
Choice 1 is difficult as we do not have enough expert doctors and nurses for 4 hospitals.



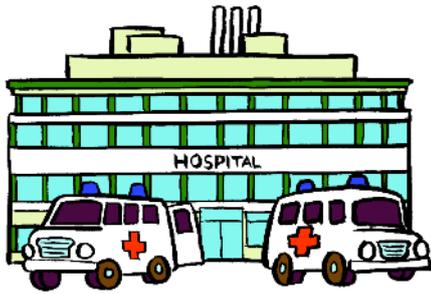
Choice 3 could be difficult as more patients would use just 2 hospitals.



If you live in Barnsley, Chesterfield or Rotherham and your child needs an operation, nothing will change right now.



In the future, your child might need to go to Doncaster, Wakefield or Sheffield for an operation that your local hospital cannot do.



If it is an emergency your child will go to your nearest hospital. The hospital might move them to Sheffield if they need special treatment or care.



Ambulances will still work in the same way and will take your child to the best hospital for what they need.



How to get involved

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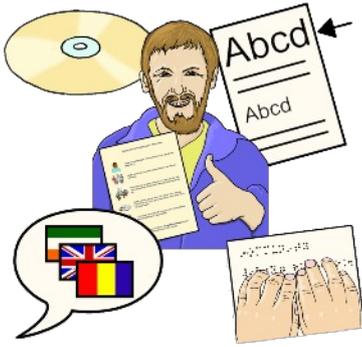
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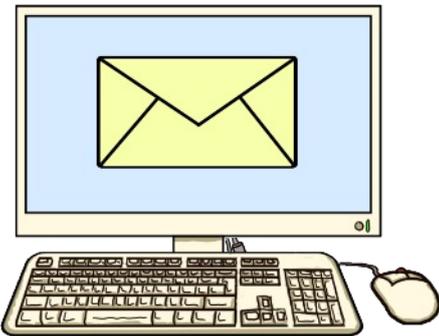
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