



Specialist stroke service

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

What we want to do



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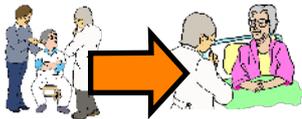
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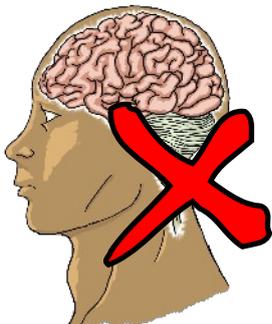
Commissioners Working Together wrote this booklet.



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



The booklet is about some specialist **stroke** services in South Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire.



A **stroke** happens when blood cannot get to part of your brain. This means parts of your brain are damaged or can die.



Specialist stroke services are called hyper-acute stroke services (or HASUs). They bring experts and equipment together to give the best treatment just after a stroke happens.



This can stop people dying or mean they get over the stroke better.



Last year we asked people about stroke services.



People said they want:

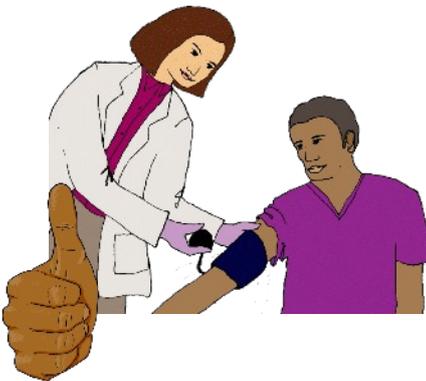
- ambulances to get them to the hospital quickly



- to see a doctor quickly when they get to hospital



- to be treated by staff who know about strokes



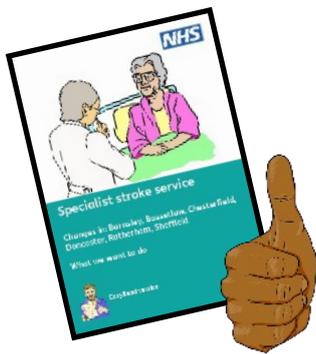
- to have a good, safe service



- good, local care to help them get better and learn to do things again.



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



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

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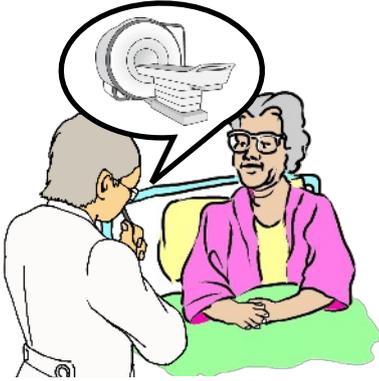
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Which services would change



We only want to change services that treat people just after a stroke happens.

We want to give a better service to people who need stroke care in:



- Barnsley
- Bassetlaw
- Chesterfield
- Doncaster
- Rotherham and
- Sheffield.



We are not looking at services in Mid Yorkshire (Wakefield).

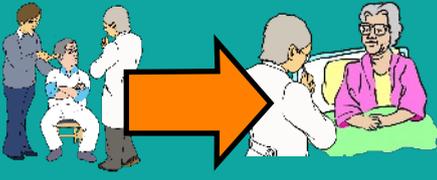
We do not want to close services or change services that:



- care for you from a few days after a stroke until you can leave hospital



- services that help you get better and learn to do things again when you leave hospital.



Why things need to change

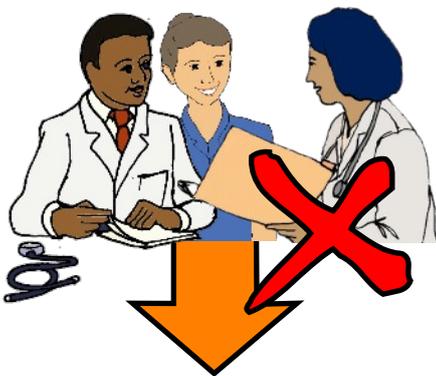


We want all patients to get the same good care and treatment.



Sometimes this does not happen because:

- some stroke services treat more patients 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 care for people who have a stroke. This means we sometimes have to close services if we do not have enough staff





- Some hospitals deal with scans and tests more quickly than others. This means some people do not get the treatment they need as soon as others.



We want to give all patients the same chance to have good, safe care and not have a disability because of the stroke.



How we decided what to do

NHS



We worked with:

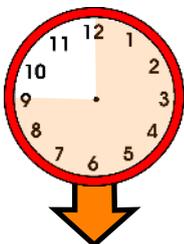
- NHS staff and managers from stroke services



- People who pay for services

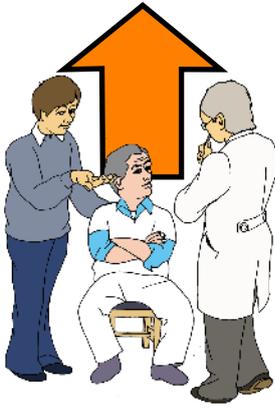


- People who check services.



We asked:

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



- if services change would services be able to treat more patients?

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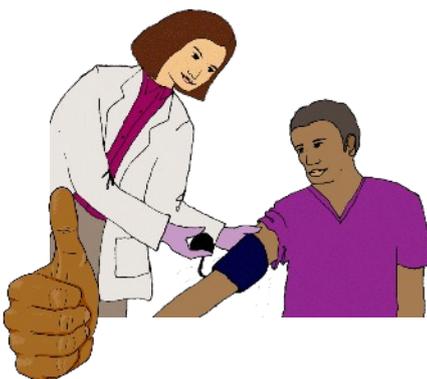
- would we be able to run these services 7 days a week?



- 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?

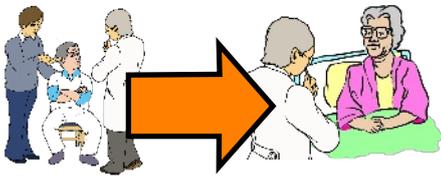


We thought about 3 things:

1. If we do nothing then we cannot give everyone good, safe services



2. We do not have enough expert staff to make the 5 services better



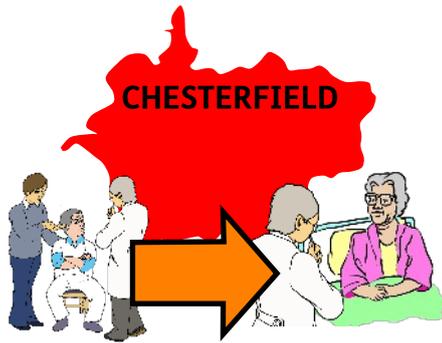
3. We need to change the way we run services to make them better for everyone.



We then thought about how many services we need.



2 or 4 services might work, but we decided that 3 services would be best.



If there are changes to services in Chesterfield, we might only need 2 services in our area.



What we want to do



We want to know what you think about our idea.



We would like to have 3 specialist stroke centres for people who live in:

- South Yorkshire
- Bassetlaw or
- North Derbyshire.



People would get care just after a stroke in one of these hospitals:

- Chesterfield Royal Hospital
- Doncaster Royal Infirmary
- Royal Hallamshire Hospital in Sheffield.



Barnsley and Rotherham hospitals would not care for people just after they have a stroke. Patients would go to Doncaster or Sheffield. Or Wakefield if you live in north Barnsley.



Then, after the first few days, they would go to their local hospital (Barnsley or Rotherham if that's where they live).



Nothing will change yet. We are just looking at how to help people get well and not have a disability because of the stroke.



How to get involved

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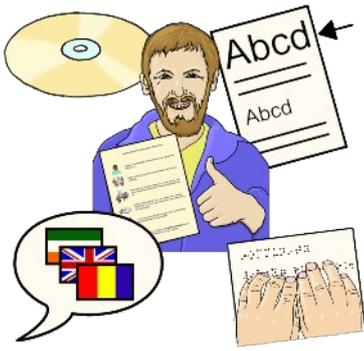
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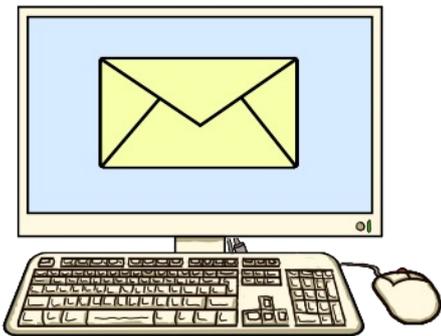
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