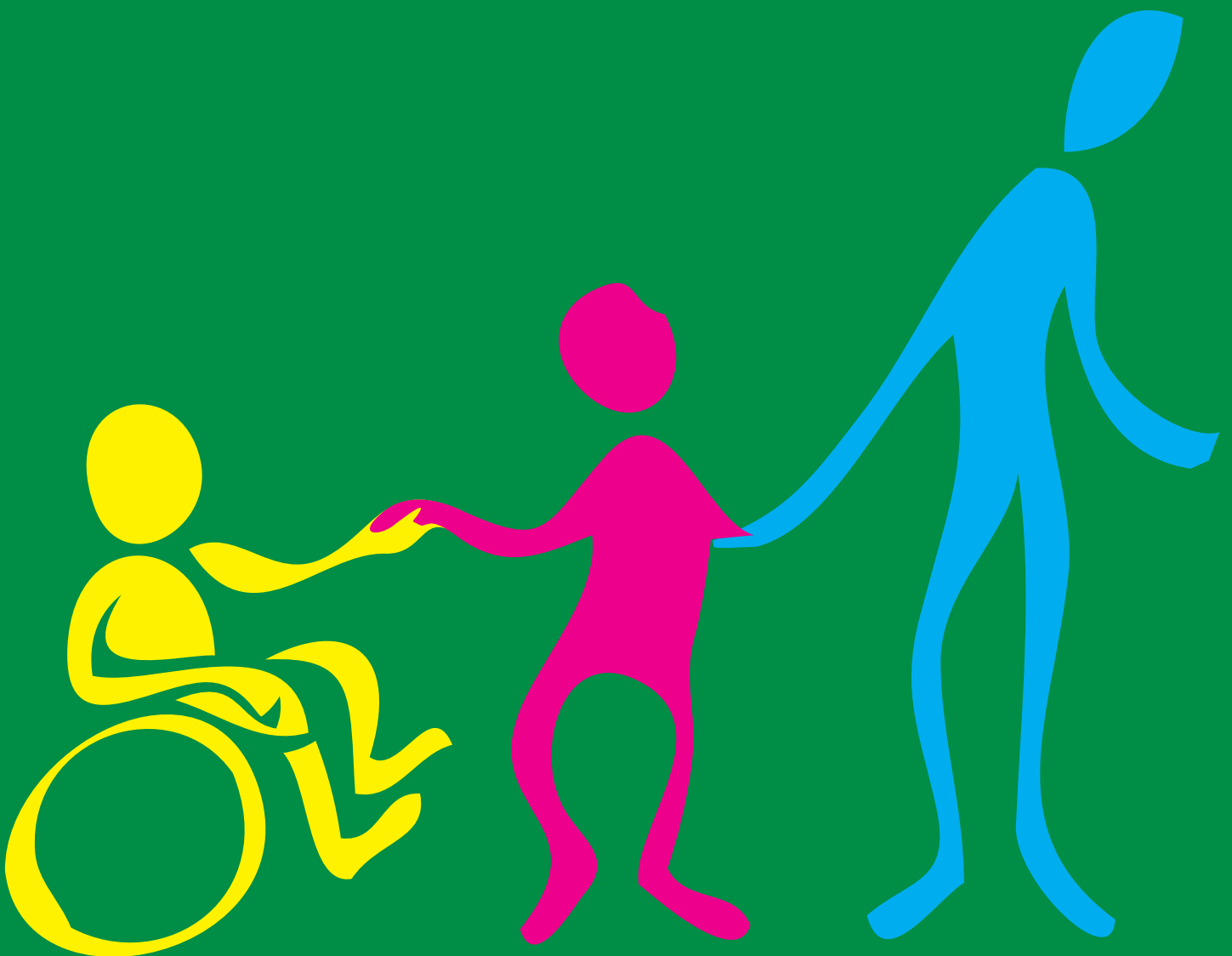


**Specialist Health Services for
Adults with Learning Disabilities in
Halton, Knowsley, St. Helens and Warrington**

Public Engagement on the redesign of inpatient and community services



Easy Read Booklet

Introduction

We want to make health services for people with learning disabilities better.

To do this we will need to make some changes.

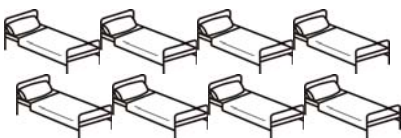
We want to know what you think about these changes and would like you to answer a few questions at the end of this booklet.

What we have

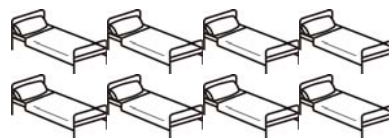
If you have a learning disability there are lots of places you can get help in Halton, Knowsley, St Helens and Warrington.

There are places in Knowsley and Warrington that have hospital beds for people with learning disabilities which 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Foundation Trust run for us.

2 wards



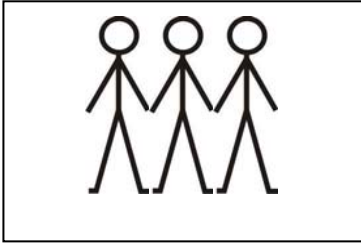
Byron Unit - 8 bedded ward



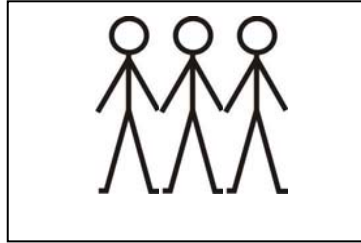
Willis House - 8 bedded ward

4 Community Teams

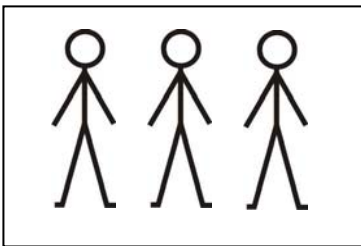
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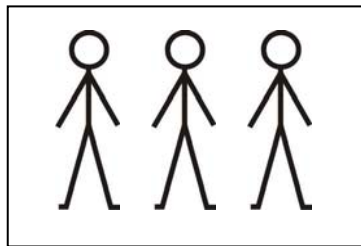
Warrington



Halton



St Helens



Knowsley

There are times when you are feeling really ill and you may need to go to hospital so you can get better.

Most people don't want to go to hospital as this takes them away from their family and friends.

What do we want to change?

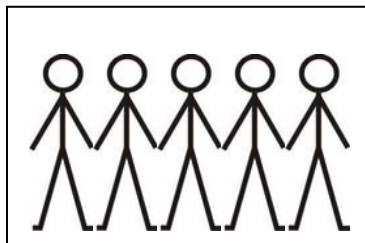
Your healthcare is very important to us. We want to provide lots more services to help you.

The government has asked us to make sure that these services can look after you at home, rather than in hospital.

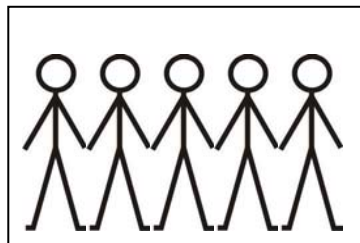
We have put together a plan to make sure that this can happen.

4 Bigger Community Teams

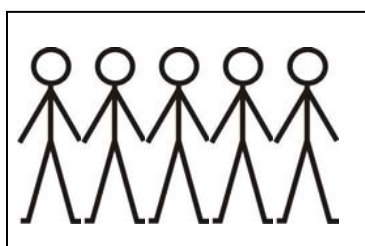
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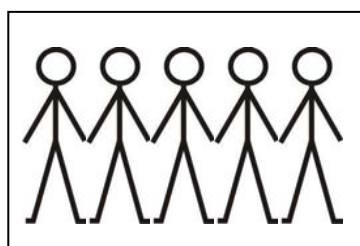
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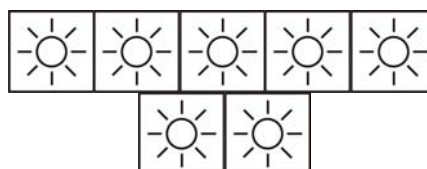


St Helens &



Knowsley

We would like to make it easier for you to see someone who can help, as soon as you need them.



A telephone helpline 24 hours a day 7 days a week

We want to be able to support you at evenings and weekends, rather than just during the daytime.

We will also give our staff more support so they can give you the very best care whilst you're at home.

What we would like

1 ward



Byron Unit - 8 bedded ward

Because there will be better services near to your home, you probably won't need to go to hospital unless you are very ill.

If you do need to spend time in hospital, we'll do our best to make sure it's a short stay, by getting you the right help, so you can go home quickly.

There will always be enough beds for the people that need them, but if we can treat you at home, some of these will be left empty.

We don't want to have empty beds. They are costly and we could use this money to pay for better services for you at home.

We think we can provide all of the beds we need from just one site at Byron Unit, Hollins Park in Warrington.

Your community services will be provided either at home or from a team based in your area and run by 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. The only time you will need to travel to Bryon Unit is when you need to stay in hospital.

Who came up with these ideas?

NHS Knowsley

NHS Halton & St Helens

NHS Warrington

We are the people responsible for making sure you get the right care in the right place at the right time.

What happens next?

We would like to close beds at Willis House in Whiston

We think we should close beds at Willis House because:

- Willis House is an old building
- Willis House is not on a main hospital site and doesn't have support services close

We would like to keep beds at Byron Unit, Hollins Park in Warrington



Inside Byron Unit - 8 bedded ward

We think we should keep Byron Unit open because:

- It is a much nicer building with much more room and is a lot newer;
- There are services nearby on the Hollins Park site that you might need to use if you need to go into hospital;

Willis House will only close if the beds are not needed.

Travel

Getting to Hollins Park may take longer than your journey to Willis House especially if going by bus.

If you can travel by car, Hollins Park can easily be reached from Junction 9 of the M62 motorway.

Find out more

If you want more information on what you have read please contact:

If you live in Halton or St. Helens contact Chris Bean on 01928 593635

If you live in Knowsley contact Debra Lawson on 0151 443 4953

If you live in Warrington Janice Wycherley on 01925 815586

What do you think?

Please tick one box



Do you understand this information?





Do you like the changes?



What is most important to you?

Staying at home when you are ill



Better health services



An easy journey to hospital



Are you concerned about anything we have told you?

Travel to Bryon Unit in Warrington



Staying at home for your treatment



Seeing different doctors and nurses



Thank you

Equality and Diversity Monitoring

Please help us to ensure that our services are accessible to everyone by filling in the following information:

Sex

Male Female Trans Prefer not to say

Race

 Select one section

A. Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi Indian Pakistani

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background:

C. Chinese, Polish or any other ethnic group: Chinese Polish

Other ethnic group

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White & Black Caribbean Other mixed heritage background

E. White:

British English Irish Scottish Welsh

Other white background

Prefer not to say

Disability

Do you consider yourself to have a disability or long-term health condition?

Yes No Prefer not to say

Please identify the disability or condition: Prefer not to say

Sexual orientation

Bisexual Gay man Gay woman/Lesbian Heterosexual/Straight

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Age

Please fill in your age: Prefer not to say

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Buddhism Christianity Hindu Judaism Islam Sikhism Atheism

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