

Healthcare Fit for the Future

Have your say on the future of health services

The local NHS and GPs have been reviewing how healthcare is provided in Purbeck.

The aim is to make sure that services keep pace with best medical practice, are of a high quality and able to meet the future needs of local people.

We have come up with two proposals for the way forward and now we need your views.

How are health services delivered in Purbeck now?

At the moment, there are:

- six GP practices (at Wool, Sandford, Corfe Castle, Wareham, Swanage and Bere Regis)
- two community hospitals (at Swanage and Wareham).

Between them they care for a population of around 33,000, providing a range of services for the people of Purbeck.

Why do services need to change?

The way healthcare is delivered is changing, with the emphasis moving to providing services close to - or in - people's homes, avoiding the need for them to go into hospital wherever possible.

If they do need to be admitted, community



services working together can enable them to be discharged as soon as it is safe to do so.

In Purbeck, we want to ensure that we use available resources in a way that means we can keep pace with these developments for our residents.

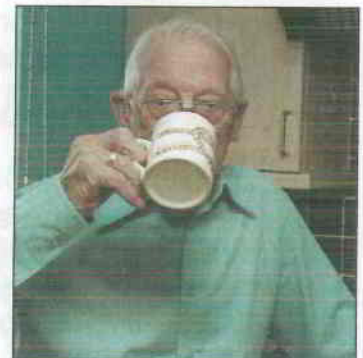
For example, at the moment doctors, nurses and their teams are having to spread their work across the different sites, sometimes leading to duplication and inefficient use of their time. How can we improve this situation?

The two hospitals are just 10 miles apart and are serving a relatively small population.

Could we use the funding they need in a better way for Purbeck residents?

These are just two of the

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questions we have been considering at a time when, in the current economic times nationally, everyone knows the importance of working in the best and most efficient way possible.

However, we would stress that we are not cutting the health budget for Purbeck. Any savings we make through the changes will be reinvested in healthcare for the area.

By doing this we will be able to develop and sustain the high-quality services Purbeck needs and deserves.

Why are changes being proposed now?

The two proposals we have drawn up will be discussed widely.

Nothing will be decided until we have had time to listen to what you think and we will be seeking your views in a variety of ways in the coming months.

The proposals include building new polyclinics (see box below right), bringing together GP and community hospital services under one roof and providing focal points for healthcare in Purbeck.

At the moment, there is a rare opportunity to develop a site in Swanage for such a new centre, although we will look at other sites during the process.

Local GPs have been looking for a long time for somewhere for a new surgery, but without success until now.

What are the proposals?

The current situation

At the moment, some services are provided in Swanage Hospital and Wareham Hospital.

These old buildings are expensive to run and no longer used to the extent they once were, as new ways of caring for people in the community develop.

Swanage Health Centre has

outgrown its present site and is in urgent need of more space and facilities for the growing range of services GPs now provide.

Generally, we feel it would be impossible to meet local and national clinical standards for healthcare needed for the future with the facilities available at the moment.

How you can have your say

We will be seeking your views over a 16-week period in two phases:

Phase 1:

(24 May to 20 July 2012).

Purbeck residents, local organisations, local authorities, hard-to-reach groups and other interested parties will be asked for their views on current services and the two new proposals.

For the various ways in which you can make your views known, please see the box overleaf.

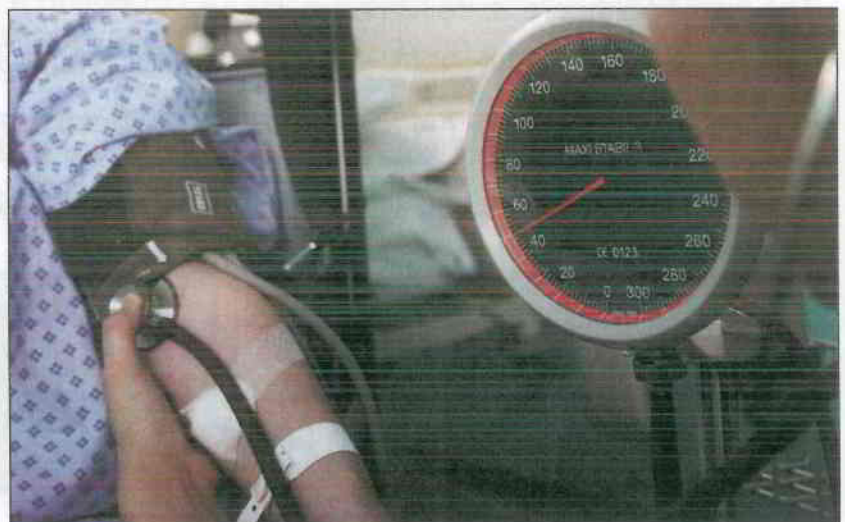
Phase 2:

(September - November)

This phase will seek views in a variety of ways on the final proposal, which will have taken into account the comments we have received, information on how services are being used and best clinical practice.

No final decision will be made about the proposals until these phases have been completed.

(See back page for how you can give us your views).



Proposal 1

This proposes two new purpose-built polyclinics providing a wide range of services – one in Wareham and one in Swanage.

In **Wareham** the new building would include:

- a GP practice
- a range of investigations, diagnostics and treatments including x ray and minor surgery under local anaesthetic
- a minor injuries unit
- outpatient appointments
- integrated teams working together to provide 'hospital at home' services
- potential to have some new services not currently available in the town.

In **Swanage** the new building would include:

- a GP practice
- a range of investigations, diagnostics and treatments including x-ray and minor surgery under local anaesthetic
- endoscopy services
- a minor injuries unit
- outpatient appointments
- potential to have some new services not currently available in the town.

Inpatient care

The NHS would continue to provide inpatient care - including care for people at the end of their lives - by purchasing:

- six NHS-funded beds from care or residential homes in Swanage
- eight NHS-funded beds from care or residential homes in Wareham.

Some of these beds would be for palliative care and could be increased in number if needed.

Proposal 2

This proposes a brand-new Purbeck Community Hospital with up-to-date facilities based in Wareham and a modern, purpose-built polyclinic in Swanage.

In **Wareham** the proposed new Purbeck Hospital would include:

- a GP practice
- a range of investigations diagnostics and treatments including x-ray and minor surgery under local anaesthetic
- a minor injuries unit
- outpatient appointments
- integrated teams working together to provide 'hospital at home' services
- 12 NHS-provided community beds
- potential to have some new services not currently available in the town.

In **Swanage** the new building would include:

- a GP practice
- a range of investigations, diagnostics and treatments including x-ray and minor surgery under local anaesthetic
- endoscopy services
- a minor injuries unit
- outpatient appointments
- potential to have some new services not currently available in the town.

Inpatient care

In Wareham, inpatient care would be provided in the new Purbeck Hospital (see above).

In Swanage, the NHS would continue to provide inpatient care - including care for people at the end of their lives - by purchasing two NHS-funded beds from care or residential homes in the town.

These beds would be for palliative care and general care and could be increased in number if needed.

WHAT IS A POLYCLINIC? Polyclinics provide not only the services you would normally expect at your GP practice but additional ones as well - for example x-ray examinations and outpatient appointments.

Come along, learn more and give us your views

We will be running the following workshops for people to give their views on the proposals. Each session will start with a presentation, followed by questions and answers and a workshop. Places are limited, so please contact the NHS Dorset Involvement team on 01305 368064 to book a place.

Dates for your diary

Wool: 10.15 am, Tuesday 12 June 2012 - The Wellbridge Practice, Meadow Lane, Wool, BH20 6DR

Corfe Castle: 10.15 am, Wednesday, 13 June 2012 - Royal British Legion, East Street, Corfe Castle, BH20 5EQ

Swanage: 2.15 pm, Wednesday, 13 June 2012 - Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, BH19 2QS

Swanage: 6.45 pm, Tuesday 26 June 2012 at The Methodist Church Hall, 105 High Street, Swanage, BH19 2LZ

Wareham: 10.15 am, Thursday, 14 June 2012 - Wareham Methodist Church, North Street, Wareham, BH20 4AB

Sandford: 2.30pm, Thursday, 14 June 2012 - Sandford Community Hall, Keyworth Drive, Sandford, BH20 7BD

Bere Regis: 6.15 pm, Thursday, 14 June 2012 - Bere Regis School, Rye Hill, Bere Regis, BH20 7LP

Complete a response form

You can complete the response form at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PurbeckHealthcare2012>

download one at <http://www.dorset.nhs.uk/getinvolved/purbeck.htm>

or to find out more information and ask for a copy to be sent to you, email communications@dorset-pct.nhs.uk or tel 01305 368064

Please return by 20 July.

If you would like a summary of this leaflet in a different language, a large format, Braille, or on tape, please contact the NHS Dorset communications department on 01305 368900.

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Thank you for taking the time to read this information.
We would welcome your comments on these proposals and invite you to return this survey to us by post at the address shown over (no stamp required).

Alternatively you can feedback via an online survey
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PurbeckHealthcare2012>
or telephone the NHS Dorset Involvement team on 01305 368064.

Q1: Proposal 1

1.a How do you think this proposal would make it easier to manage your health and wellbeing?

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1.b How do you think this proposal would make it harder to manage your health and wellbeing?

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Q2: Proposal 2

2 a How do you think this proposal would make it easier to manage your health and wellbeing?

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2 b How do you think this proposal would make it harder to manage your health and wellbeing?

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Q3: Which proposal do you prefer – tick box proposal 1 tick box proposal 2

Q4: Why do you prefer that proposal?

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Q5: Do you have any other comments?

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Name, Address, email/telephone (optional).....

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Please return this form by 20 July 2012 to:

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