

## **Sedgefield Primary Care Trust – Your local NHS**

### **£9,000,000 Additional Investments to improve local health services in 2004/2005:**

After inflation and cost increases this leaves c. £5,000,000 additional money to expand existing services and develop new ones in Sedgefield.

#### **1. Improving Access for Patients: additional c. £1.1 million new investments in Local Hospitals and GP Access**

- a. Access to GP within 48 hours and primary care nurses within 24 hours for all patients
- b. Access to in-patient operations and treatment within 9 months going down to 6 months by March 2005, for all
- c. Access to outpatient appointments within 13 weeks by March 2005.
- d. Access to Accident and Emergency Hospital Services speeded up and improved
- e. Investing in Durham Hospitals: Emergency Care, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Child Health
- f. Improving Renal Services at James Cook Hospital in Middlesbrough
- g. Reducing the numbers of delayed discharges of older people in hospitals.

#### **2. Improving Health Through Effective Prescribing: additional c. £1.6 million**

- a. A rise of 11% investment in the prescribing budget for GPs in Sedgefield to ensure patients have access to the newest and most effective medicines.
- b. Additional investment in statins and other effective drugs to prevent and reduce deaths from heart disease.

#### **3. Improving Mental Health Services: additional c. £900,000**

- a. A massive investment in local services to individuals with a mental illness
- b. Brand new facility for older people with mental health problems in Bishop Auckland
- c. Brand new specialist hospital at West Park in Darlington to replace the inadequate facilities at Darlington Memorial Hospital
- d. Further investment in local teams - Assertive outreach and Crisis Intervention, that support people with a mental illness within their own communities
- e. Investment from secondary care into primary care for depression services to fulfil new GP Contract.

#### **4. Improving Cancer Services: additional c. £100,000**

- a. Investing in new Cancer Services recommended by the Cancer Network
- b. Palliative Care Investments
- c. Additional Hospital Investments

**5. Improving Coronary Heart Disease Services: additional c. £300,000**

- a. Investment in Coronary Heart Disease Services in Darlington Memorial Hospital, and improvements to specialist heart services in James Cook Hospital, Middlesbrough
- b. Continuing investment in additional specialist Coronary Heart Disease nurses working in the PCT, and prevention and rehabilitation services in the community

**6. Improving Public Access to Community Services for Adults: additional c. £200,000 from Neighbourhood Renewal Funding**

- a. Integrates teams of nurses and social workers with housing staff to deal with the problems of old age and disability.
- b. Simple and local access for all adults to their local integrated team
- c. Establishing a single integrated community health record for adults.
- d. Introducing a Single Assessment process for professionals working with Older People

**7. Improving Out of Hours and Emergency Care Services and new GP Services Across Sedgefield: £500,000**

- a. Additional money to replace the current GP Out of Hours responsibilities with a new system linked more closely to Bishop Auckland Hospital Services
- b. Extension of Urgent Care Service
- c. Investing in local 'Enhanced' Services as part of the new GP contract to allow patients improved local access to services. For example Learning Disability Services, Multiple Sclerosis, Alcohol Misuse, Depression Services and Out of Hours Saturday Morning Services.
- d. Creating additional local specialist GP services: Minor Surgery, Dermatology, Plastic Surgery, Gynaecology Services and Ear, Nose and Throat GPs with a Special Interest
- e. Improved Out of Hours Services

**8 Investing in Nursing: additional c. £125,000**

- a. Expanding the Palliative Care Nursing Service and the nursing hours available for Diabetic Nursing.
- b. Improving the Health Visiting, District and School Nursing and Practice Nursing infrastructure, to strengthen the service to patients

**9 Improving Health of the Local Community: additional c. £50,000**

- a. Additional funding has created a Sedgefield Public Health Improvement Team, including posts working on reducing smoking (one of the main causes of ill health), healthy schools and obesity, healthy workplaces and improving sexual health.

**10 Investing in New and Expanded Specialist Services: additional c. £250,000**

- a. To ensure the people of Sedgefield have access to the most specialist services available, in centres at Newcastle, Leeds and Middlesbrough.

**11 Replacing and Renovating Health Centres: additional c. £50,000**

- a Investing in the design and replacement of Sedgefield's outdated local health centres to replace them with modern, accessible buildings.

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