

## Patients in Partnership

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2006

### Questions and Answers

Question number	Question	Response
1	Are there still areas in the hospital that are mixed sex bays?	Mixing of male and female patients rarely occurs except on the medical assessment unit and ITU/HDU (Grange).
2	Is RAF Uxbridge still being considered as a site for the new hospital?	MOD land - possibility of contamination, leading to increased cost. Would have to start again from scratch (planning permission etc) were we to change site.
3	Had the hospital definitely decided to have 100% single rooms as there are concerns about isolation of people in single rooms?	Not 100% in rehab areas. Length of stay will be reduced and less than now. Wards may have communal type wide 'promenade' corridors.
4	Car parking space – will there be more spaces when the new hospital is built?	850 now. 1100 eventually. Access being considered within the new development plans.
5	Will there be disruption to patient care (eg waiting lists) during the building of the new hospital?	No, the new building will happen behind the tower block.
6	Will there be a reduction in bed numbers in the new hospital?	415 now. 355 in the new hospital. The figures reflect reduced length of stay and additional beds in the new treatment centre at Mount Vernon Hospital.
7	With the new hospital being reduced in size, what will the trust do with the land saved?	There is not likely to be less space as there will be fewer floor levels and therefore will use the same land.
8	If a patient is brought in by ambulance to A&E, what transport provision is available for returning patients home late in the evening?	We would always aim to consider each individual's circumstances and offer emergency transport if appropriate.
9	What contingency plans are in place for a major accident	We are a receiving hospital for Heathrow. We have to regularly

	as we so close to Heathrow airport?	practice for a major accident.
10	Reduction in number of beds, has the hospital taken into account the increasing population increases planned for Hillingdon?	We have looked at census statistics and also the average age of Hillingdon's population is falling.
11	Why are the fans not working in the A/E resuscitation department?	There are two air conditioning units in A&E which are not effective for the task. Nurse Consultant agreed to follow up.
12	If there is going to be a faster turnaround of patients, will the integrated care team be increased?	Management of the integrated care team is transferring to the PCT. It is anticipated that the PCT will keep the team under review.
13	There was concern that a patient with allergies may be affected by hair from guide dogs. Does microfibre pick up dog hairs?	Yes.
14	Some work has been undertaken to highlight the needs of carers but this needs to be continued	This is an area where we have a lot of work to do. Any contributions from members of the local community would be welcomed.
15	What communication does the hospital have with the PCT?	Regular meetings with the PCT to find the best deal for patients and staff together.