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Subject: Sky News FOI - response

Good afternoon,

Please see the below response to your recent FOI request, sent on behalf of the following Greater Manchester trusts:

- Bolton NHS Foundation Trust
- Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
- Tameside Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust
- Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust
- Stockport NHS Foundation Trust

The following Greater Manchester trusts will respond/have responded to you directly:

- Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust
- The Christie NHS Foundation Trust

FOI RESPONSE

1. A) Are you planning on closing or downgrading any clinical services/facilities over the next 3 financial years – up to 2020? B) If so, which services?

There are currently no plans to close or downgrade any clinical services/facilities in Greater Manchester.

2. A) Are you planning on closing or downgrading A&E services over the next 3 financial years – up to 2020? B) If so, which services?

There are currently no plans to close or downgrade A&E services in Greater Manchester. We are continuing to implement Healthier Together - now part of the wider programme to transform acute and specialist care to deliver improvements in care and outcomes for patients in A&E, Acute Medicine and abdominal surgery across Greater Manchester. We will continue to build on this programme to establish and develop a future hospital system that provides consistent high quality care for patients, ensuring that the vast majority of acute care remains accessible in local hospitals whilst only the more complex treatments are provided in specialist centres.

3. A) Are you planning on closing or downgrading any cancer services over the next 3 financial years – up to 2020? B) If so, which services?

There are currently no plans to close or downgrade cancer services in Greater Manchester. Two specialised cancer services - Oesophago Gastric (OG) Cancer (cancer of the oesophagus and stomach) surgery and Urology Cancer (cancer of the prostate, kidney and bladder) surgery - are being enhanced to improve quality of care and outcomes for patients. Surgery for OG cancers will take place in one dedicated centre for Greater Manchester, at Salford Royal Hospital, so that the expertise and experience can all be focused in one team, which will mean better and more consistent high quality care for patients. Following the specific request of patients themselves, outpatient appointments will remain local.

Patients have received different standards of care for Urology Cancer surgery services depending on where they live in the region (for example, access to the newest techniques can vary). Over the last year, clinicians and patients have come together to design a new service that addresses these issues. The Greater Manchester Cancer Plan outlines our

commitment to put in place an implementation plan for this service. You can read the plan on our website here - <http://www.gmhsc.org.uk/news/our-plan-to-tackle-cancer-across-greater-manchester/>

4. A) Are you planning on closing or downgrading any maternity services over the next 3 financial years – up to 2020? B) If so, which services?
There are currently no plans to close or downgrade maternity services in Greater Manchester. Our proposal to develop a Local Maternity System in line with *Better Births* can be found online here - <http://www.gmhsc.org.uk/assets/06-Establishment-of-a-GM-Local-Maternity-System-FINAL-v2.0.pdf>

5. A) Are you planning on closing or downgrading any stroke services over the next 3 financial years – up to 2020? B) If so, which services?
There are currently no plans to close or downgrade any stroke services in Greater Manchester. We have just centralised our stroke services across the region and have the best performing stroke units in the country as indicated in the recent Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SNAPP) data.

6. A) Are you planning on closing or downgrading any hospitals over the next 3 financial years – up to 2020? B) If so, which services?
There are currently no plans to close or downgrade any hospitals in Greater Manchester.

Many thanks,

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