Future vision for Acute Medicine

The challenges, the solutions and how we can make it happen

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Outline

• The challenges
• The solutions
• Making it happen nationally
• The RCP’s role
• SAM
The challenges?
Hospitals on the edge?

- 65% of people admitted to hospital are over 65
- Third fewer general and acute beds over 25 years
- 37% increase in emergency admission in 10 years
- Multiple complex conditions
The solutions?
The Future Hospital

Patient experience

Radical restructure of wards

Secondary care stretching out into the community
The Future Hospital

For patients

- Named responsible clinician
- Shared decision-making
- Continuity of care
- Seven day service
The Future Hospital

A new model

- Medical Division
- Acute Care Hub
- Clinical coordination Centre
- Ambulatory care
- Out in the community
The Future Hospital

Workforce

- Generalist – general internal medicine
- Specialist – Early input
- Dual accreditation
How do we make it happen?
Development sites

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

Mid Yorkshire Hospitals

Royal Blackburn Hospital

Worthing Hospital
Five-point plan for government

Future Hospital: More than a building

The hospital is an integral part of the community

Secondary care has a crucial role wherever patients are
1. Remove financial and structural barriers

- Remove fines that target one part of the system, e.g., penalties when patients are readmitted to hospital.
- Urgent review of the barriers to teams working together.
2. Invest now to deliver good care in the future

- Significant increase in health funding
- Set up transition funding to transform the way care is delivered
- Invest in medical education and research
3. Prioritise what works in the NHS and improve what doesn’t

- No ‘big bang’ change to national NHS structures
- ’10-year vision’ to set tone for all spending and policy decisions
- Politicians must promote informed public debate on local services
4. Promote public health through evidence-based legislation

- **Smoking:** standardised packaging
- **Alcohol:** 50p minimum unit price for alcohol
- **Obesity:** taxes on sugary soft drinks
5. Adopt the Future Hospital model as a template for service redesign

- Support Future Hospital model nationally and in constituencies
- Specialist medical care should reach from wards into the community
The RCP’s role?
Vision

The way we implement strategy is crucial
RCP successes
New RCP president; new values

Four E’s

• Empowering all physicians
• Education
• Equality
• Engaging with specialties and partners
SAM

- A young specialty
- A clear identity
- An increasing profile and role
- Critical to the future hospital
- Acute (Internal) Medicine - faces a recruitment challenge
- The fastest growing specialty
RCP support for Acute(Internal) medicine A(I)M

- Development of A(I)M as a specialty
- AMUs across the country
- A(I)M training program (and Shape)
- A(I)Medicine is at the heart of the Future Hospital Programme
- You are vital to Future Hospital Model because Acute (Internal) Medicine is vital for the Future Hospital Model
The future
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