

Big NHS cuts proposed for Calderdale and Kirklees

A 14 week "Public Consultation"
starts on March 15th

Be sure to make your views known!

The proposals would:

Knock down Huddersfield Royal Infirmary (HRI) and sell off the site.

Replace it with a small planned care hospital on the Acre Mill site, for things like hip replacements, eye operations etc. This will be for all patients from Calderdale and Greater Huddersfield. It will also have an 'Urgent Care Centre' for minor injuries and emergencies that are not life threatening.

Enlarge Calderdale Royal Hospital (CRH) to take seriously ill patients from Calderdale and Greater Huddersfield. CRH will be the **only** site for acute medicine, including the 'Emergency Centre' for blue light A&E (for life threatening emergencies).

Send 91% of Huddersfield's blue light A&E patients to CRH. The other 9% to already overcrowded A&Es like Barnsley, Oldham and Wakefield.

Require Yorkshire Ambulance Service to provide 10,000 more hours of ambulance journey time per year. They can't say how they would do this.

Move many services out of hospital to places in the community.

Cut the number of hospital beds and staff.

Questionnaires for the public will be printed and available on line.

Please see our advice before responding.

The draft consultation promotes the plan as though it were the only option and an improvement in services. No alternative is considered. We don't expect the final document to be any better.

There are still huge information gaps such as:

- What are the ambulance travel times to A&E for people furthest from Halifax? Would that be safe?
- What support would there be in the community? Where? Would it be enough?
- Would the proposed services be as good as those we have now?
- Would a system of NHS 111, GPs and 2 Urgent Care centres cope with all the non-life threatening emergencies?
- Where would the money come from for the new hospital buildings? Would it be another PFI?

NHS campaign groups will produce leaflets with advice about how to make your views clear in the consultation, whatever the questions.

Ours will also be on our Facebook page, or email us for a copy.