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Fit for the Future – community health services in Ashby

A review of community health services in the Ashby area is to be considered by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust board members.

At the meeting from 1pm on Thursday July 31 in the Underwood Suite at Leicester Tigers' ground in Welford Road, Leicester, they will consider assurances that community-based nursing and therapy services are in place before the proposed phasing out of in-patient beds at Ashby and District Hospital is implemented.

The Trust and West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group agreed in May to expand community-based services in the area prior to the closure of the 16-bed in-patient ward at Ashby and District Hospital.

Clinics and out-patient services, as well as teams based at the hospital, will also move to other sites in the area and the hospital will eventually close. Proposals for these services will be considered by boards in October 2014.

Board members asked for a [review of services and assurances that measures are in place](#) (Paper V) before changes are implemented.

Discussion will form part of the Trust's quarterly board meetings and members of the public are welcome to attend.

The paper will be considered by West Leicestershire CCG when it meets at Birstall Methodist Church, Wanlip Lane, Birstall on August 12 from 1.30pm.

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Notes to editors

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The Trust serves a population of one million, has a budget in excess of £282 million and employs approximately 5,400 staff. For more information visit www.leicspart.nhs.uk