

Possible changes to health and care services on the Isle of Wight



The Island needs to change the way health and care services work.



More people need the services. They need them more often.



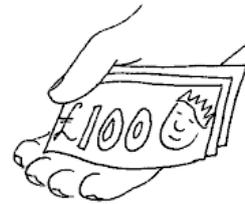
The Island doesn't have enough people to run some services. Sometimes the Island doesn't have people with the right skills.



People don't always get the best care. Sometimes people don't get better quickly after they have been treated.



Some services are too expensive.



We can all help by taking better care of ourselves.



The Island can make changes to the way services are run so they are better for everyone.



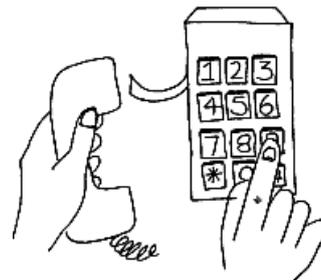
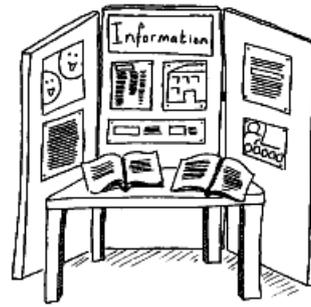
People said about changes they wanted to be made to health and care services. The NHS and council are grateful for what you told them.



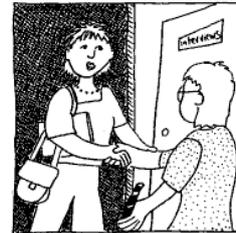
The NHS and council listened to what you said. They have made some changes already.



The NHS and council have helped to make more advice and information available. This is through the Isle Find it and Isle Help websites and the 111-telephone service.



The NHS and council have a safe place for people with mental health problems. People can go there in the evenings and at weekends and talk to someone who can help them.



The council has some staff called Local Area Coordinators. They help people find things to do near where they live.



Age UK IW have some staff called Care Navigators. They help people over 50 to get help more easily.

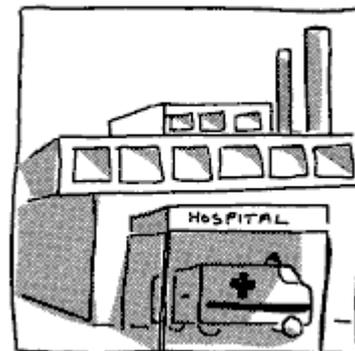


The NHS and council are helping their staff work with people from other organisations. This is so your care is better.



The NHS now needs to look at something called 'acute services'.

These are things based at the hospital. The NHS must decide how these need to change. This includes things like:



- children's services
- maternity
- operations
- bladder problems
- emergencies
- anaesthetics
- specialist medicine
- ear, nose and throat surgery
- problems with bones, muscles and nerves
- x-rays and scans
- blood diseases
- eye surgery and treatment

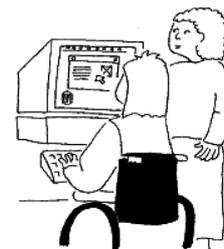


Most of these are done at St. Mary's hospital.

Some services are only available in Portsmouth and Southampton. This is because there are specialists there who know how to do that type of surgery or treatment. A good example would be injuries to the spine.



It could also be because those hospitals have equipment that the NHS don't have on the Island. A good example would be radiotherapy treatment.



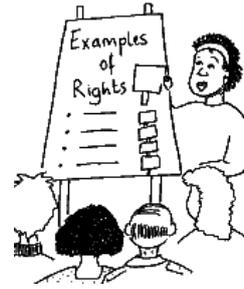
The NHS know if they carry on providing care in the way they do now, people will not get the quality of care they should get.



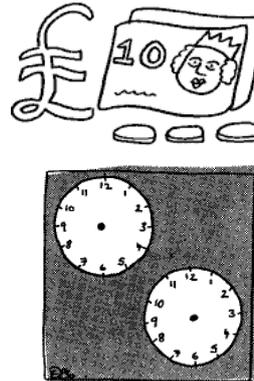
Or the same standard of care that people can expect on the mainland in other NHS hospitals



The NHS needs to make sure people can use services even if some of them are only available off the Island



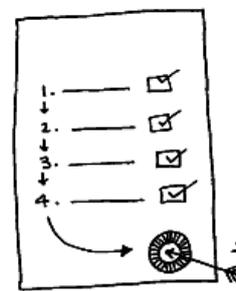
The NHS needs to make sure if people have to travel off the Island for treatment their travel time, the cost and their choices are thought about.



The NHS wants to make sure that people only have to travel for treatment if they really have to or if they choose to



The NHS has agreed the things that are important that will help them decide if they have the right plan



These things are:

- whether people are looked after properly
- whether people can get the services they need
- whether the NHS has enough money to do it
- what it means for their staff
- whether the NHS can do what is needed



What do you think about this?



What would you like to tell the NHS about how this might affect you?

