

The future provision of Musculoskeletal (MSK) Outpatient Physiotherapy for Children and Young People (0-16 years) in Cambridgeshire

The Musculoskeletal Outpatient Physiotherapy Services for children and young people aged 0-16 is currently managed by Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust (CCS). From **1 April 2019** this service will be provided by **North West Anglia Foundation Trust (NWAngliaFT)** and **Cambridge University Hospitals Foundation Trust (CUHFT)**

Why is this happening?

Previously this has been managed as an 'add on' to the CCS Children's Physiotherapy service. After discussions with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG, it was decided that commissioning the service from more our local specialist Paediatric MSK Physiotherapy service is most appropriate to ensure the best clinical outcomes for children and young people across Cambridgeshire.

Transferring the service also has benefits around appointment availability, multiple clinic locations and simpler patient journeys. This is because NWAngliaFT and CUHFT already run specialist MSK physiotherapy services which will be expanded to incorporate this service and they have direct links with Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeons allowing direct escalation, where this is required.

What does this mean for children and young people?

The existing clinic sites at the Oak Tree Centre and Peacock Centre will no longer be available after 1 April 2019. Any children and young people that will be seen on both sides of the transfer date will be sent a letter to explain the change in clinic locations.

After this date, services will be provided at the following sites:

- NWAngliaFT – Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, Peterborough City Hospital and Stamford Hospital
- CUHFT – Addenbrooke's Hospital and Princess of Wales Hospital

CCS will not routinely be seeing any new referrals made between 4 February and 1 April 2019. They will be concentrating on supporting the children and young people already receiving the service through to discharge. After 4 February, all new referrals will be added to a waiting list which will be transferred out with the service on the 1 April 2019. All referrals made during this period will be triaged, to ensure urgent, high risk cases are managed.

*****Services to young people over the age of 16 years will remain unchanged *****

*****Please note, babies with torticollis (with restriction in neck movement) and Brachial Plexus Lesions will continue to be seen by CCS for Cambridgeshire and NWAngliaFT for Peterborough *****

What do you need to do?

Please ensure any referrals for this Physiotherapy Service are sent to the correct provider from 1 April. Any referrals sent inadvertently to Cambridgeshire Community Services will be returned to the referrer to arrange redirection to the appropriate new service provider.

Please refer to the information below which gives referral information and the process for referral to the new service providers. We anticipate that practices will refer to their most local provider.

Please note: ERS is the only method of referral for this service, please refer to the *ERS Directory of Services for more information*.



North West Anglia Foundation Trust will accept referrals for paediatric MSK conditions through e-RS only. This service will be available from 1 April 2019 and requires a referral proforma.

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