

Essex Stroke Review

Thurrock Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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What's in this presentation



- Why we are reviewing Stroke services
- Aiming for best practice
- What this means for people in Thurrock
- Where we are now
- Project plan



Why review Stroke services?



Evidence shows we can do better for people of Essex, Southend & Thurrock

- Better chances of survival
- Lower risk of long term disability
- Better care in all Stroke services
- Better success in prevention



Why review Stroke services?



Not a cost saving exercise

- Aiming for cost neutral
- Likely to require investment in community services
- Securing affordable and sustainable improvement – planning for the future



- Improvements across entire Stroke pathway
- Three Hyper-acute Stroke Units for the county
- 24/7 dedicated Stroke consultants (6 per unit)
 - Immediate expert attention
 - Accurate diagnosis
 - More effective treatment faster (even with longer ambulance journeys)
- 1,200 patients or more (Basildon currently around 500)



What this means for people in Thurrock



- Potentially, better outcomes, better care – sustainable for the future
- Potentially, hyper-acute in Chelmsford, Southend, Queens (Romford)
- Hyper acute stroke care for first 3 days
- Local stroke services after



We have a recommendation (not a plan yet)

Need more work on:

- Clinical benefits for Essex, Southend & Thurrock
- Costs & affordability
- Cross-border issues & implications
- How the model works:
 - Ambulance journey times & clinical standards
 - Clinical collaboration between service providers

- All service providers & CCGs working together
- Workstream groups for clinical model, finance & activity, communications
- Period of discussion, engagement, development
- Public consultation – likely Autumn
- CCG approvals – Jan 2014
- Implementation 2014/15

