

How you can tell us what you think

We are consulting on this proposal from Monday 7 November 2016 until Monday 6 February 2017.

Please tell us what you think, ask any questions, or give us other ideas by:

-  **Calling** us on our freephone number: **0300 123 9987**
-  **Emailing** us at: **public.involvement@ggc.scot.nhs.uk**
-  **Writing** to: Rachel Killick, Patient Experience Public Involvement Manager, 4th Floor, West Glasgow Ambulatory Care Hospital, Dalnair Street, Glasgow, G3 8SJ
-  **Coming** to one of our public consultation events on:

Date	Time	Venue
Monday 9 January	12:30pm – 2:30pm	Tontine Hotel, Inverclyde
Wednesday 11 January	6pm – 8pm	Tontine Hotel, Inverclyde
Tuesday 17 January	6pm – 8pm	Wynd Centre, Paisley
Friday 20 January	10am – 12pm	Wynd Centre, Paisley

Please let us know before the events by email or phone on the details above if you would like to come to one of the above events, and if there's any support you would require to attend (such as child care or travel expenses reimbursed).

How to find out more information

There is lots more information available on our website at:
www.nhsggc.org.uk/inform-engage-consult/Clydepaediatric

If you would prefer, you can speak to: Rachel Killick, Patient Experience Public Involvement Manager, on the details above.

If you require this leaflet in an accessible format, such as large print or Braille, or in a community language, please telephone **0141 201 0309**.



Proposal to move Ward 15 in the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley, to the new Royal Hospital for Children in Govan

Tell us what you think



What we are proposing

to change

We are proposing to move Ward 15 to the Royal Hospital for Children. This means that we would treat children requiring inpatient care, day surgery, and short stay medical assessment in the new Royal Hospital for Children in Govan instead of the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley.

If a child needs to go to A&E in an ambulance, or are sent to A&E by their GP, they would be sent to the A&E department exclusively for children and young people at the Royal Hospital for Children instead of A&E at Paisley.



What would not change

The following children's services in Paisley, Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire, will stay the same:

- **A neonatal unit at the Royal Alexandra Hospital** for very young babies
- **Specialist Children's nursing team at the Royal Alexandra Hospital** (the PANDA centre) for children with complex conditions
- **Outpatient clinics** in Inverclyde, Alexandria, Paisley, and remote and rural areas
- **Community children's nursing team** in Inverclyde, Alexandria, Paisley, and remote and rural areas
- **Child development centres and teams** in Inverclyde, Alexandria, Paisley, and remote and rural areas
- **Allied Health Professional teams** (e.g. occupational therapists, physiotherapists, and dieticians) in Inverclyde, Alexandria, Paisley, and remote and rural areas
- **If parents or carers bring their children to A&E at hospitals in Inverclyde or Paisley, they will be seen there** and treated if they can be, or transferred to the Royal Hospital for Children for further treatment if needed.



Why we think we should

make this change

We think that this change will help us provide even better care for children in the Clyde area. This is for four main reasons:

1. **We have a new hospital entirely dedicated to children**, with state of the art facilities seeing children from across the West of Scotland. We want children in Clyde to have access to world leading equipment, specialists and environments specifically tailored to children and young people.
2. **The Royal College for Paediatrics and Child Health**, an organisation who sets the standards doctors should aim to reach, has said that **children should be able to see specialist and senior doctors quickly**. We can make this happen if doctors are not spread across inpatient wards in two separate hospitals.
3. **Our staff currently based in Ward 15 can learn from specialist and senior doctors and nursing staff** based at the Royal Hospital for Children, and see children with rare conditions they might not have the opportunity to care for in a smaller ward based in an adult hospital.
4. **We are working to make sure children only stay in hospital when they really need to**. This means we are treating more children at home or in their communities, and we don't need as many hospital beds.