Introduction

This issue of Core Brief includes information on the temporary transfer of West Glasgow MIU to the QEUH and the redesign of key cancer services.

West Glasgow Minor Injuries Unit temporary transfer to Queen Elizabeth University Hospital

We have today issued a news release confirming the Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) at West Glasgow is temporarily moving to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (QEUH) on Friday, 23 December at 9pm as part of the board’s winter preparations.

Only the MIU service is transferring from the current site. If you would like to read the full release, click here.

Redesign of key cancer services

Targeted improvements to urology and colorectal cancer services

Key cancer services across Scotland are being redesigned in a targeted drive to reduce the time patients are waiting to be seen.

Urological and colorectal cancer services are being prioritised for improvement, to increase capacity and respond to the rising demand being seen by these services.

Health Secretary Shona Robison today confirmed a review of urology services is underway, with all three regional planning groups due to bring forward plans on how their services will be redesigned - to improve patient care and waiting times.

In addition, efforts to reduce demand on colorectal cancer services are being prioritised, with a new primary care diagnostic test that can detect blood in stools being examined for national roll-out early next year. This follows a successful pilot in NHS Tayside that is estimated to reduce demand on colonoscopy services by 20%.

Click here to read the full release.

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