

Meeting to discuss proposed changes to Gynaecological Cancer Services

Monday 14 December 2009

1. BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGES

- Increased confidence in service – improved service / specialists
- Better expertise / results
- Sharing experience → expanded team skills

2. ANY DIS-BENEFITS – INCLUDING HOW YOU THINK THESE COULD BE MANAGED

- Increased travel time for some / isolation from families
- Smoking at entrance to service
- Increased pressure on parking, free transport (bus)
- Aftercare

3. ANY ISSUES FOR THE PATIENTS/ CARERS/ FAMILIES IN ACCESSING THE NEW SERVICE – PARTICULARLY IF A CHANGE OF LOCATION HAS BEEN SUGGESTED

- Increased pressure on parking

4. IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES ON HEALTH INEQUALITIES

- Increased pressure on all services – eg. need to ensure appropriate numbers of disabled parking spaces

5. ANY OTHER COMMENTS

- Need for increased support for patient and carers
- Need to increase aftercare – ward nurses, doctors, pharmacy
- Psychological care post – operation on ward by nurses who have time to do this
- Ensure good, empathic, communication with patient
- Do not feel the process has sufficiently engaged public / or in previous decision on St Michael's
- Would like to see evidence that this will lead to an improved service