

## **FOI\_0810\_2022-23 – FOI Request Concerning – Purpose Built Rehabilitation Building**

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*On behalf of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, I am seeking information on the Trust processes used including supporting data when developing proposals to relocate services currently based in the purpose-built Rehabilitation Building on the Queen Alexandra site of the Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. I understand that the proposals include neurology services being located to an alternative site and MSK services being moved within the building to a much smaller space, significantly limiting the services provided to patients.*

- 1. Is the option for repurposing the space in the Rehabilitation Building, a purpose-built rehabilitation centre considered a viable option by the Trust? If yes, please can you let us have the reasons why?**

Please be advised that this question would need to be answered by PHUT

- 2. Has a final decision been reached to use the space in the purpose-built Rehabilitation Building or are alternative options being considered?**

Please be advised that this question would need to be answered by PHUT

- 3. If alternative options have or are being considered and have been rejected or are currently being considered as less suitable options, can you please provide the CSP with information on what these options are and why they were not considered to be suitable alternatives to using the space currently occupied by neurology and MSK services in the Rehabilitation Building, the purpose-built rehabilitation unit?**

Please be advised that this question would need to be answered by PHUT

- 4. Can the Trust provide the criteria used to judge the suitability of all the options considered in response to relocating the discharge lounge and associated services while the new Emergency Department is built?**

Please be advised that this question would need to be answered by PHUT

- 5. Does the Trust have any proposed dates or a timeframe for when a decision must be reached to redeploy services affected by the relocation of the emergency discharge lounge and other services?**

Please be advised that this question would need to be answered by PHUT

- 6. Does the Trust intend to consult with patients, service users and staff on the proposals to relocate MSK and Neurology services, should the decision be reached to go ahead with an option that affects services currently sited in the Rehabilitation Building?**

Solent NHS Trust is committed to keeping current and prospective service users updated once a decisive way forward is confirmed. Staff in the service lines are already being regularly engaged with and updated. Solent will work closely with PHUT colleagues to



ensure that public messaging is timely, relevant, reassuring and consistent at appropriate milestones and in various accessible formats

- 7. Does the Trust intend to consult with relevant NHS and local authority bodies about the proposals to relocate services currently based in the Rehabilitation Building? If so, which organisations does the Trust intend to consult with?**

Solent will engage with all necessary and relevant NHS and local authority bodies as part of the relocation process once confirmation is given by PHUT. Wider stakeholder communications will be considered as part of this work too

- 8. Please provide information on the estimated costs to the Trust of relocating the neurology and MSK services affected and of the refurbishment and use of alternative premises to the Rehabilitation Building in order to provide these services?**

Conversations are still at the early stages of scoping out options should the decision be made to use some of the existing space used by the MSK and Neuro services. This is an ongoing piece of work to identify all options available and as such costings are not yet available

- 9. Has the Trust undertaken a full Equality Impact Assessment [EIA], including an assessment on the impact of the disruption to the Solent MSK and neurology services and its patients and staff? If so, can we please have access to the EIA and any supporting research and background information used?**

No, discussions are still at an early stage

- 10. Has the Trust reviewed the impact of the loss of a purpose-built gym and single bed cubicles facility in terms of impact on waiting lists, accessibility and quality of patient care? If so, can we please see this evaluation?**

This is included in the Quality Impact Assessment

- 11. Has the Trust reviewed the impact of the relocation of the neurology service away from a dedicated purpose-built gym and facilities in terms of quality to patient care, accessibility and waiting lists? If so, can we please see this evaluation?**

This is included in the Quality Impact Assessment

- 12. We understand that the Rehabilitation Building is leased under a PFI agreement with Portsmouth University Hospitals Trust. Can you provide us with details on how much notice is required from Solent NHS Trust to end the contract for use of the building or part of the building?**

Solent and PHUT do not have leases in place. The arrangements to occupy space within QA hospital are held within the Provider-to-Provider contract. Notice periods for change to that contract are 6 months

**13. Can you provide us with the notice under the PFI contract and lease arrangements that Portsmouth University Hospitals NHS FT is required to give Solent to vacate part or all the Rehabilitation Building, the purpose-built rehabilitation centre?**

Solent and PHUT do not have leases in place. The arrangements to occupy space within QA hospital are held within the Provider-to-Provider contract. Notices period for change to that contract are 6 months

**14. Is there any financial penalty to Solent NHS Trust for ending or altering the lease to use all or part of the Rehabilitation Building?**

Solent and PHUT do not have leases in place. The arrangements to occupy space within QA hospital are held within the Provider-to-Provider contract. Notice periods for change to that contract are 6 months. There is no financial penalty for changes to the contract

**15. Is there any financial penalty or advantage to Solent NHS Trust for objecting to the changes to lease and contract agreements for the use of all or part of the space in the Rehabilitation Building?**

Solent and PHUT do not have leases in place. The arrangements to occupy space within QA hospital are held within the Provider-to-Provider contract. Notice periods for change to that contract are 6 months, there is no financial penalty for changes to the contract

**16. Has a decision been made about whether the repurposing of the space in the Rehabilitation Building, a purpose-built rehabilitation unit away from MSK and neurology rehabilitation services would be temporary or permanent, if the decision to use the building is made? If temporary, what is the expected timeframe?**

Please be advised that this question would need to be answered by PHUT