Additional Resource 4: Example communication action plan

[used in Eastern Surrey re-commissioning project]

Overarching message: "We are building on the best of current services to develop services which are responsive to individual need in local areas".

Service Users

- Keeping up to date
- Reassurance of the supportive new 'day' services
- Opportunity to influence proposal and understanding the scope of that influence
- Honesty and clarity about any service closures
- Understanding of experience of new provider

| | By when | By whom |
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| Display boards in services and other meetings places | | |
| Monthly briefing paper | | |
| Information and support line | | |
| Participation in focus groups | | |
| Individual review meetings | | |
| Participation in monthly informal meetings | | |
| Opportunities to visit new provider services | | |

Staff

- Keeping up to date
- Understanding of implications of service proposal on individual circumstance
- Understanding of new provider

| | By when | By whom |
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| Display boards in services and other meetings places | | |
| Monthly briefing paper | | |
| Monthly staff meeting | | |
| Monthly supervision | | |
| Participation in focus groups | | |
| Individual meetings with HR and formal letters as appropriate | | |
| Opportunities for all staff to visit new provider services | | |

Relatives & Carers

- Keeping up to date
- Opportunity to influence proposal

| | By when | By whom |
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| Information packs sent to PPI chairs, PALS and Carers Co- | | |
| ordinator | | |

Media

- To inform them of work services strategy and process
- To inform them of outcomes of consultation

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| Initial press release sent out outlining background and pre- | | |
| consultation | | |
| Press release regarding consultation | | |

Partners and opinion formers

Keeping up to date

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| Information packs sent out | | |
| Consultation leaflet | | |

MPs and Councillors

Keeping up to date

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| To receive verbal briefing, information pack, consultation leaflet | | |

Boards (Trust & PCT)

To understand financial implications of proposed changes

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| NHS Business Case submitted to Boards | | |