

**Borough of Pendle - Scrutiny Review of District Nursing Provision in Pendle**

**Update Paper – January 2015**

**Introduction**

East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (ELCCG) and East Lancashire Hospitals Trust (ELHT) were invited to provide information to the Borough of Pendle's Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel in relation to a Scrutiny Review of District Nursing Provision in Pendle. Rebecca Demaine and Catriona Logan attended November's meeting of the committee on behalf of the two organisations.

A report was presented to the committee in response to information requested as part of the committee's review plan. Questions were also asked at the meeting of which Rebecca and Catriona responded where able to. There were however a number of questions that information could not be provided at the meeting, and agreement made to supply this information to feed into the overall review.

**Additional Information**

The additional information requested is set out as below, with corresponding response.

<b>Information Required</b>	<b>Response</b>
Details of readmissions to the Virtual Ward with a comparison with hospital readmission rates.	Average Virtual Ward Re-admission Rate from April to October 2014 for Pendle locality - 13.72% Average ELHT Hospital Re-admission Rate from April to October 2014 -12.43% (East Lancashire CCG patients only 12.5%, data is not available at locality level)
Has there been any inspection of the integrated nursing services or the virtual ward? If so the Panel would like to have access to the reports.	No inspection of either of integrated nursing services or the virtual ward has taken place therefore no reports are available.
To what extent are services future-proofed, ie. will the service be constantly chasing its tail as demand continues to increase?	Demands on Health Care are not likely to decrease especially over the Winter period. All services have contingency plans which are activated in times of pressure. In addition, resource is available for development of Integrated Neighbourhood Teams and Intensive Home Support Service to provide additional capacity.
Additionally, it is now more than two years since the Panel was told that waiting times for the then redesigned rehabilitation day service had increased due to a lack of therapists and that £2 million was to be invested in extra support, phased over 2 years to address this. Is the investment in	Assuming this relates to the closure of Pendle Community Hospital day hospital and investment in domiciliary based therapies, the investment was for the whole of East Lancashire, not just Pendle and Pendle has not been viewed any differently than any other locality. This therapy investment

recruiting additional staff in the Virtual Ward which you referred to the same or additional funding?	included patients being supported by the virtual ward but also included the full range of people in the community and on reablement schemes.
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### **Comments for Consideration**

- The committee may wish to consider approaching Airedale Hospital to obtain their re-admission rates as part of the readmission comparison as some Pendle patients on the virtual ward case load will have been admitted and subsequently re-admitted to Airedale.

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