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A first for Herefordshire

Herefordshire will see the formation of the first integrated provider of health and social care in England with the creation of Wye Valley NHS Trust on 1st April 2011.

It will join up hospital services from Hereford Hospitals NHS Trust, community health services previously provided by NHS Herefordshire, and adult social care from Herefordshire Council.

Staff were asked to submit ideas for the new name in February and the Department of Health finally approved it last week.

Martin Woodford, Chief Executive of Wye Valley NHS Trust said “The new name not only reflects the pride we have in our region and the people we serve but also hails a new era of working more closely with the people in our community.”

“We will concentrate on identifying vulnerable patients, service users and their carers in the community before the need for urgent care arises. The focus will be on predicting and preventing illness early on, and promoting more personal health and wellbeing.”

The key principles of the organisation are to provide high quality and safe care to promote better health, well being and independence, and inspire people within our community.

Where appropriate, care will be delivered through joined-up local neighbourhood teams. This will mean multidisciplinary teams of therapists, nurses, social workers, along with GPs and practice staff, communicating and working together in ways we have not seen before.

For those that live around the borders of Herefordshire, we are working with neighbouring health and social care providers and commissioners to deliver improvements to care wherever people live.

Photograph



Left To Right

1. Tom Galloway, Consultant Podiatric Surgeon
2. Vicky Alner, Consultant Physician in geriatric medicine
3. Caroline Ankers, Primary Care Trust Administration
4. Sarah Keetley, Adult Social Care
5. Sheila Archer, Trust member
6. Amy Harris, Patient Advice & Liaison Service
7. Martin Woodford, Chief Executive
8. Catherine Davies, Head of Nursing
9. Nicola Proctor, District Nurse
10. Annabel Green, Staff Nurse
11. Lucie Emmett, Physiotherapist

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Notes to editor:

- Hereford Hospitals NHS Trust, NHS Herefordshire and Primary Care Trust Provider Services and Adult Social Care previously provided by Herefordshire Council have joined to become a new organisation which brings together acute, community health and adult social care.
- The key principles of the organisation are to provide high quality and safe care to promote better health, well being and independence, and inspire people within our community.
- With an estimated annual turnover of around £160million, we employ around 2,500 staff. As the first integrated provider of acute, community and social care in England, we aim to build new relationships between our staff, patients, service users and their carers, and with the wider community.
- We are a clinical and practitioner-led organisation owned by our local community and staff.
- We are also working towards Foundation Trust status with the aim of achieving it in 2013.

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