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News update on the community health services review

The public consultation on the future of community health services in Leicestershire and Rutland, including the community hospitals, is now planned to commence later in the year, following a change to the national and regional NHS Next Stage Review: 'Our NHS, Our Future' timetable.

The Leicestershire County and Rutland PCT's review of community health services is part of a broader national review being carried out across the NHS in England, which is now almost complete. The national review is the culmination of nearly a year of engagement with NHS staff, patients and stakeholders which will influence the shape, style and delivery of healthcare for the next 10 years. In turn, Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland NHS Trusts have been reviewing how they can work together to deliver the best health care services for the communities they serve.

The national and regional timetable has been revised to take into account further detail at national and regional level, and this means that Leicestershire County and Rutland PCT will need to wait to ensure that its proposals fit with the wider picture.

Chief Executive Catherine Griffiths said: "We are confident that our proposals will build upon the vision that will be set out regionally and nationally and ensure we have high quality community services within Leicestershire and Rutland. We would like to thank all the people who have engaged with us so far and hope that they will continue to engage with us during the consultation and beyond."

The PCT Board will approve its consultation document at a public Board meeting on 5 June 2008. The new timetable for public consultation has not been finalised but it is likely that the PCT will commence its public consultation on its proposals for creating a sustainable and vibrant future for its community services shortly afterwards.

Notes to editors: For more information and newsletters to date, visit the PCT's website at www.lcrpct.nhs.uk

For more information about the overall review of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, visit www.haveyoursayllr.nhs.uk and for information about the national review, visit www.ournhs.nhs.uk

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