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As a valued referrer to our Myton Inpatient Unit(s), we thought we would take the opportunity to share a change we shall be making to our inpatient bed configuration at Warwick.

Following the decision in early 2020 to reduce Warwick Inpatient Unit (WIPU) bed base, a decision was made to withdraw our respite provision as from 1st April 2020.

Due to the restrictions associated with the COVID 19 pandemic no immediate consequences of this decision were apparent. However, as restrictions begin to lift it has become increasingly clear that there remains an unmet need of respite provision for patients with a life limiting diagnosis who are being cared for at home.

I am therefore pleased to inform you that following patient and family feedback we have introduced some changes to our respite model as follows:

- The two beds will be in a double room, which has been redecorated and furnished to reflect a 'less clinical' environment.
- Admissions will be planned to comply with same sex room accommodation.
- An internal MDT planning meeting will ensure individual patients' needs are appropriately assessed and admissions planned accordingly.
- Either the Myton at Home Clinical Nurse Practitioner or one of the Registered Nurses within the Wellbeing Team will visit the patient at home to carry out pre-admission screening.

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- On assessment any patients who are deemed to require symptom control/end of life care will be moved from the respite list and immediately added to the active IPU admission list.
- A robust discharge plan must be in place prior to the respite stay commencing.
- Physical care and medicines management will be carried out by the nurses on the IPU as per the previous model.
- The medical team will be responsible for clerking and prescribing medications on admission. The Medical Director will hold medical accountability and responsibility for the patient until their discharge.
- An activity co-ordinator has been appointed to oversee the planning and support of individual patient activities and engagement.

An on-line referral form will be uploaded onto our website for referrers to complete; it is our intention to start taking referrals from **2nd July 2023**. As respite is a planned service, and we wish to avoid any unavoidable increase in workload for our Referrals and Discharge Team, referrals will not be accepted via the telephone.

We very much look forward to working with you to deliver this improved respite offer to our patients and their families across the patch.

Should you have any questions, queries or concerns about any of the above, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With Best Wishes

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