



A stronger acute partnership

Delivering benefits for our patients and staff





Working in partnership

Our Trusts have a long history of **working together for our patients**

We formalised this with our Acute Services Partnership

Bringing our two Trusts closer together is the **next logical step**

Greater benefits for patients and staff are possible if we work together

A single CEO, Executive Team and Clinical Leadership across the two Trusts

Our ambition is to create single clinical, corporate and support services across both of our organisations

Background



- Due to its island location, the IWT provides a wide range of services to a comparatively small population.
- This makes services expensive to run and difficult to recruit to.
- Together, partners across the Hampshire and Isle of Wight integrated care system (ICS) have been exploring how services on the Island could be better organised to ensure healthcare is made sustainable for the long-term.
- In 2020 PHU and IWT formed an acute services partnership to tackle the challenges faced by acute services on the Isle of Wight and improve care for people who live in Portsmouth, Southeast Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.
- Three key principles:
 - The maximum possible proportion of healthcare should be delivered on the Island.
 - Where services are not of sufficient clinical scale to be delivered sustainably by IWT they should be delivered in partnership with PHU.
 - Patients will continue to receive specialist care on the mainland where necessary.



What is happening?

- Plans have been announced to strengthen the partnership between IWT and PHU.
- Formation of a single Chief Executive, Executive Team and clinical leadership team across the two organisations.
- Strong, experienced operational leadership teams will be retained in both Portsmouth and on the Island.
- Our clinical leadership will lead the design and delivery of services across our two main hospital sites.

Why?

- The only viable way to ensure clinically and financially sustainable healthcare for the Isle of Wight.
- Better respond to the challenges facing the NHS and the changing needs of the people we serve.
- Create job roles which are more attractive, with more chance to take part in training and research, more opportunities for progression, and a wider range of clinical experience available across the two hospitals.
- Work together to recruit colleagues into single services, rather than compete with each other.



A stronger partnership will help tackle the long-standing challenges of delivering healthcare for the Isle of Wight and ensure the provision of high quality, safe, sustainable and compassionate services to all the populations we serve.

Timeline

