

Dear all

Managing demand to treat COVID-19 (Coronavirus) patients – changes at Mayfield Unit, Thurrock Community Hospital

I trust you are keeping well and safe.

We continue to find ourselves affected by the impact of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak. So that we are prepared and can anticipate demand to treat more patients, we are working with our partners to make some temporary changes to the care provided at the Mayfield Unit, Thurrock Community Hospital:

- This weekend (25/26 April) we are temporarily relocating all services, currently operating from the Mayfield Unit, to Brentwood Community Hospital. This will enable us to make the best use of all of our resources
- In the meantime we are discharging existing patients in the Mayfield Unit into their homes or community settings. Any patients who cannot be discharged will be transferred to Brentwood Community Hospital today (24 April)

Normal services will resume when the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation allows.

As I'm sure you will appreciate, mobilising significant changes like this takes a vast amount of planning and resource and we find ourselves with the additional pressure of having to complete things as quickly as possible. Our partners have made a fantastic contribution, coming together quickly and safely, ensuring everything happens as necessary whilst taking into account the need to be mindful of those residents who live and work nearby.

Patient safety and continuity of care are always our prime focus, so we will look to keep disruption to a minimum and ensure a smooth transition for all patients affected by these temporary changes.

We will keep you informed of progress over the coming weeks and months.

Regards,

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