

NHS Proposals

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We did:

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Obstructive Sleep Apnoea

What changes were we proposing?

The CCGs proposed to set out criteria across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire that will mean that patients diagnosed with obstructive sleep apnoea (OSA) are provided with a continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) device only where appropriate and where alternative treatments have failed.

Why were we proposing these changes?

The CCGs proposed these changes as part of a wider review to improve how services are delivered to the local community while at the same time making savings to secure the long term future of healthcare in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. These changes would free up GP time and save an estimated £700,000 per year.

Who was consulted and involved?

Over a four week period between mid-July and mid-August 2017, we involved a range of patients and members of the public in the decision process.

How were they consulted?

We carried out an online survey, which was available for patients and members of the public. The consultation was promoted, with relevant additional information, through the local media, the CCG websites and social media.

What did they say and how have we responded?

We received 43 responses via the CCG website from the public, patients and GP across the three CCG areas.

Overall 60% of respondents agreed with the CCG proposals. Comments were also received about the proposals which are shown overleaf.

see over for details

You said

The impact of OSA is considerable, particularly around health and sufferers should be supplied with a CPAP machine

The lack of availability of conservative measures may impact on patients

Attempting conservative measures or alternative treatment first is more appropriate

We did

The new policy is designed to ensure that patients receive the right treatment at the right time. Patients with symptomatic OSA will be able to routinely access the treatment under this policy.

Patients who do not meet the criteria for CPAP treatment will be able to apply for individual funding on the basis of exceptionality.

The CCGs and local authorities commission and provide a range of smoking and weight management support to patients who wish to address their own health.

You said:

Overall you supported this proposal and we have responded to the issues you raised during the consultation process.

We did:

The new policies were approved by the Governing Body of the three local CCGs in September 2017 and took effect in mid-October.

Further information and a more detailed report can be found at:

www.bristolccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/

www.northsomersetccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/

www.southgloucestershire.nhs.uk/get-involved/