

Contract awarded for stroke early supported discharge service

The contract for the early supported discharge (ESD) service for stroke patients in Suffolk will transfer to a new provider from 1 April.

The specialist service will provide up to six weeks of intensive stroke rehabilitation in patients' own homes following their discharge from an acute hospital, in turn helping them to regain their mobility and independence.

It will be delivered by a partnership of East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust, West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust and Suffolk County Council, and supported by a variety of third sector partners.

The contract was awarded following a competitive tendering process. Work is now taking place to make sure the transition from the existing provider Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust runs smoothly so that patients will not notice any change in the care they receive when the new service goes live.

Further updates will be available in the lead up to the start of the contract. For more information in the meantime, please contact jodie.price@wsh.nhs.uk

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