

## **St Luke's Hospital Endoscopy Unit, Market Harborough**

### **Current and planned usage: a briefing from East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG**

#### **Current position**

The endoscopy outpatients clinics are organised on a four-weekly rota, and there is a session every week. During week 2 there are three sessions, and in week 4 there are two sessions.

This totals seven sessions over each four-week period.

We have plans in place to expand the service.

#### **From February 2015**

We plan to add a further session every week from February 2015 by transferring patients who were due to use the University Hospitals of Leicester endoscopy service. These will mainly be patients suffering from Barrett's oesophagus, a form of gastro-oesophageal reflux disease, mainly found in patients over 50 years old and often accompanied by ulcers.

This will result in a total of eleven sessions over each four-week period.

#### **From April 2015**

Then from April we are planning to move an extra two sessions of endoscopy per week to handle the increased demand resulting from new NICE guidelines (published September 2014) on the diagnosis and treatment of dyspepsia (ie, impaired digestive disorders), including bowel screening.

Also we are currently taking the unit through the assessment process for the Joint Advisory Group Accreditation on Endoscopy, in order to further enhance the service so it can perform all types of endoscopy, including bowel screening. We expect to have achieved this national standard by May or June.

We will then continue to add sessions to the rota as the year progresses.

#### **Skills development**

Through training and professional development we are also developing the skillsets of our nurse endoscopists' roles to ensure the service offers the required level of expertise and quality.

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