

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What services do you provide from the Park Rehabilitation Centre?</li> </ul>
<p>The Trust is commissioned by NHS Rotherham to provide a range of therapeutic and rehabilitative services for NHS patients and provides some of these currently from the Park Rehabilitation Centre and some from the main Rotherham Hospital site on Moorgate Road.</p> <p>The Centre currently accommodates services provided by Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy. Also a range of non-NHS funded services have been developed on the site.</p> <p>Over time, we have also provided fee-paying and non fee-paying access to the services for a range of support groups and have also developed a range of income generation services to members of the public for leisure reasons including children’s swimming and dance activities.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• So, you don’t own Park Rehabilitation Centre?</li> </ul>
<p>No, we lease the property from NHS Rotherham to provide a range of services to NHS patients. We also provide a range of similar services from our main Hospital site.</p> <p>We have been providing services out of Park Rehabilitation Centre for nearly 20 years and it is a well equipped, purpose built facility modelled on a rehabilitation centre at Firbeck which was developed for the rehabilitation of miners.</p>
<p>What facilities does the Centre have?</p>
<p>The Centre has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A large hydrotherapy pool</li> <li>• Gymnasium</li> <li>• Neuro rehabilitation room</li> <li>• Amputee rehabilitation room</li> <li>• Consulting rooms</li> <li>• Lounge</li> <li>• Coffee area</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many NHS patients use the services provided at the Centre? (i.e. for prescribed medical reasons and under the care of a therapist)</li> </ul>
<p>In 2010, the number of NHS patients using services at the Centre for prescribed medical reasons was 3,556. The hydrotherapy pool is used more by other users than by NHS users (NHS patients – 21.6%, other users – 78.4%).</p> <p>The Centre is utilised by various users, including members of the public who use it recreationally, people who have been discharged from the hospital but who still wish to carry on a programme of wellbeing and groups who use the Centre for private hire.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are the public being involved in the review about relocation of services?</li> </ul>
<p>TRFT is keen to explore people’s opinions and views as to the future of the Centre. We would like to suggest an involvement exercise with all stakeholders. This process will ensure that everyone has a voice and decisions are made collectively with our health partners.</p>

We are currently defining the review process but will let everyone know as soon as there is a chance to have their say.

We anticipate the review to be completed in the summer of 2011.

- What is the cost to the NHS yearly to run the Centre?

For the year 2010 this figure was £91,100 which we had to fund over and above the resources available to the Trust. Additionally, the figure required to maintain PRC over the next 5 years has been estimated at £530,000. This takes into consideration reroofing, ventilation, pool plant maintenance and general estates work.

- If it is decided that services are relocated, what other provision(s) will be available?

It is difficult to predict the outcome of the review but if relocating services is an option, we would use the review to determine what other facilities could possibly accommodate the services that the Park Rehabilitation Centre currently provides. We have good working relationships with our health partners and the Local Authority, and collectively we want to ensure that the people of Rotherham have access to services that they want and need.

- Will there be job losses if the Centre closes?

It is difficult to predict the outcome of the review, but we simply cannot sustain funding the PRC over and above the resources available to the Trust. If the outcome is closure, services provided at the Centre will still be required so it may be the case that the facilities are provided at a different location. We greatly value our staff and appreciate all the hard work they carry out for the hospital and our patients. We want our staff to be involved in the review of PRC and are encouraged to have a voice.

- How long will the review last?

The review hasn't got an agreed timeline yet as we are working on the process and how to involve as many people as possible. We do, however, see the review being completed in the summer of 2011.

We are going to explore the validity of continuing to provide services out of PRC by exploring opinions and alternative facilities which wouldn't mean that TRFT is working above the funding available.

- Who makes the final decision about the future of services provided at Park Rehabilitation Centre?

Ultimately it will be TRFT's Board that will decide the future of the services that we currently provide out of PRC based on a comprehensive review of involvement with users and other interested parties and in consideration of financial factors.

- Where do people with restricted mobility or other needs go in the event that services will no longer be available at the Park Rehabilitation Centre?

This is very much a big part of the review process. We want to explore what other facilities are available and are suitable for PRC users. We cannot predict the outcome of the review at this stage but it is useful to consider all eventualities.

- Why is the review happening now?

Due to the current economic climate we simply cannot justify making such a loss providing services to NHS patients and non NHS users and need to find a more viable solution.

We recently increased the price for fee paying users of the services in order to try to make the services sustainable but the scale of reaction to this has only served to highlight the need for a more thorough review.

- Why are you choosing to review the services located at PRC and still invest in the hospital?

Projects are planned, sometimes years in advance, and we simply couldn't forecast the economic climate that we are all facing at this moment in time. Money was allocated to projects at the hospital based on need, improving patient experience, improving patient safety and, in a nutshell, the money was made available specifically for those projects not for general purposes.

- Don't you think providing services to non NHS users and support groups will save the NHS money in the long run?

The review will determine whether there are suitable alternative facilities in Rotherham which will meet the needs of its current users. There are facilities at the hospital for our patients to utilise. The Local Authority runs numerous leisure facilities which the review will investigate if they meet the needs of PRC users. We are asking everyone who uses or has an interest in the services at PRC to be involved in the review so that we can explore together the options to ensure that people can access services they require.

We are accountable to the public for our use of NHS resources and have to prioritise accordingly. We have been commissioned by NHS Rotherham to provide services to NHS patients but above that we have to ensure the services are provided within the funding available.

- How does a review of services located at PRC fit into your plans to further develop community health services?

TRFT has always been clear about wanting to deliver the right service to the right patient in the right place and at the right time. We are excited about the opportunities that the community services offer and will continue to provide the best care to our patients.

The review of services provided at PRC will be investigated in consideration of the services provided in the community and we will work in partnership with other health providers and commissioners and the Local Authority to find the best solution possible for the people of Rotherham.