



West Hampshire  
Clinical Commissioning Group



# Ashurst Hospital

## An Integrated Health and Wellbeing Centre for Children, Young People and Families



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# Ashurst Hospital

- Built as a Workhouse in 1836
- Site owned by NHS Property Services
- 5 buildings on a 2.9 hectares site, including 1.5 hectares vacant land
- The New Forest Birth Centre is situated in the Snowdon Annex, which was modernised in 2009
- The Child Development Unit from which Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Paediatric Audiology services are provided, is located in an old part of the hospital which is not fit for the future provision of healthcare

Snowdon Annex    Chapel    Mortuary



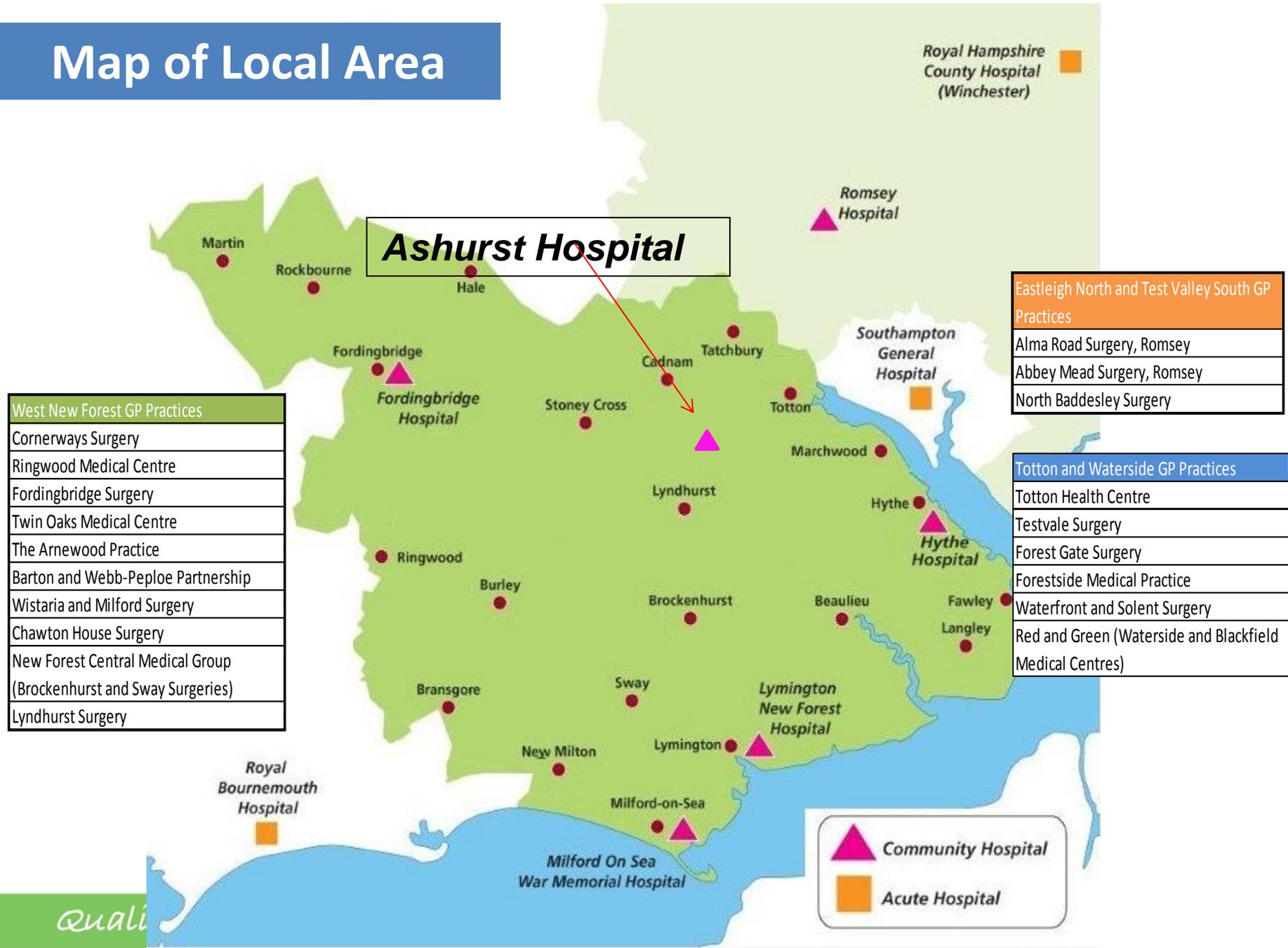
**Main building; Child Development Unit**

**Education Centre**



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# Map of Local Area



# Ashurst Hospital: A vision for the future

- Healthcare provision for children, young people and families across the West New Forest and Totton and Waterside is fragmented, with services dispersed across a wide geographical area.
- Our vision, in line with our Integrated Care Model, is the development of a centre for the provision of integrated health and wellbeing services for children, young people and families across the West New Forest and Totton and Waterside area.
- The Centre would enable the co-location of physical and mental health services for children and their families, enhancing the ability to provide joined-up, holistic and child centered care in a child and adolescent friendly environment.



# Ashurst Hospital: The Case for Change



- 42,578 children and adolescents aged 0-19 years; 10,183 aged 20-15 years – rising demand for healthcare
- The old buildings are in poor condition, not fit for purpose or child friendly
- The buildings are not DDA compliant; significant backlog maintenance
- 60% of the current accommodation is not utilised
- Opportunity to retain the New Forest Birth Centre, CAMHs and Paediatric Audiology and bring together a range of integrated services which could include:
  - community paediatric clinics including occupational therapy, physiotherapy, podiatry, speech and language therapy and paediatric diabetes
  - extended community antenatal and postnatal services
  - paediatric eating disorder service
  - health and wellbeing services - links to education, social care, voluntary services
  - self care signposting and social groups such as play groups or advice groups
- New Forest District between 600 –1200 new homes per annum till 2036.  
New Forest Park approximately 40 extra homes per annum till 2036.

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# Initial Engagement

## What have we done?

- Survey – advertised via social media, GP Practices and support groups
- Face to face meetings with Parent Support Groups, HCC, Voluntary Groups, GPs, Service Providers
- Visit to Brockenhurst College to talk to young people regarding their ideas

## What have we heard?

- 323 survey responses; Strong support for the vision of an integrated centre.

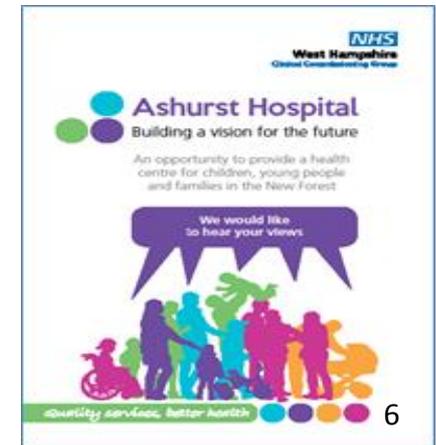
**Key elements:** Quality of services, location, parking and appointment availability. The **environment** of the unit is very important to families as enables children to relax

- Patients willing to travel to Ashurst via car, bus and train. Only 4/323 people stated that location difficult to access
- The current building is run down and dated; facilities not suitable.

Comments:

- ‘no safe pathway’
- ‘unwelcoming environment’
- ‘the site is old and not child friendly’
- ‘The building was very glum and depressing. Did not make me want to go to my therapy sessions’ (17 years)
- Providers stated strong support for local provision

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## Next steps:

- ❑ **November 2017** – High level options assessment and financial affordability review completed
- ❑ **November 2017** – Project Initiation Document approved by West Hampshire CCG Board. To be approved by NHS England
- ❑ **January – February 2018:** Further engagement
- ❑ **September 2018:** Development and consideration of the Outline Business Case by West Hampshire CCG and NHSE

