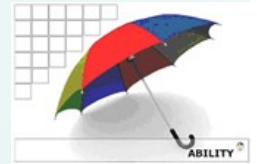


BREAST CARE SERVICES



Introduction



Clinical Commissioning groups (CCGs) are groups of family doctors and other health professionals.

It is the CCGs' job to plan and deliver health services in their area.

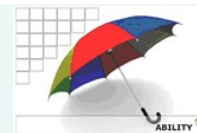


Working with patients is important. The CCGs want to find out what patients think, so they can make health services meet their needs better.



NHS Southport and Formby CCG and NHS West Lancashire CCG are working together talking about services in Southport and Ormskirk Hospital.

How do breast care services work?



Breast care services are special services which are designed to meet the needs of each patient.



People go to these services if they have a breast lump. They will be tested to check if they have cancer.

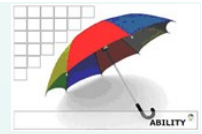
Most people will not have breast cancer.



Those people with breast cancer will have a care plan written for their individual needs. This will say what treatment they need.



This is an easy read booklet to give you some information, because Southport and Formby CCG and West Lancashire CCG want to talk to people in Sefton about breast care services.



You might be a patient, carer, support group or someone interested in how services are delivered.



The CCGs want to know what you think and hear about any experiences you might have had.

Background

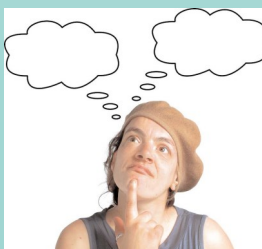


2014

On 1st September 2014 Southport & Ormskirk hospital closed breast care services to any new patients.



This was because the hospital didn't have the specialist doctor they needed to run the service safely. This is a problem across the country - there are not enough of this type of doctor.



It might not be possible for all the breast care services to come back to Southport & Ormskirk. But the CCGs' are looking at which parts of the service might be provided at the hospital again.

What happens next?



Because of this the CCGs are talking to people to help them understand what matters most to patients using breast care services.



They want to talk to and involve patients and local people to help decide how to plan and run services in the future.



It is important that the CCGs hear the views and experiences of any current or new patients using breast services. But everyone is welcome to give their views and opinions.



They would like to know what part of breast care services you think are good and which parts could be better.

What happens next?



Have a think about the topics below:



After treatment Support-

1. If you have had treatment what types of support do you need ?
2. How and where would you like to get these?



Access to breast care clinics-

1. Are these held in the right places and at the right times?



General-

1. What was good and what could be better