WHAT IS THE COLLABORATIVE CARE TEAM?

The collaborative care team is made up of a core team of advanced nurse practitioners, a care coordinator and a GP.

The team is there to make sure people in Corby are getting the right care and support they need in order to keep them as well as possible. Even if the patient is feeling well at the moment, we would like to see them in advance to try and avoid any hospital admissions in the future.

WHO DOES THE TEAM CARE FOR?

The team target people in Corby who are more likely to need hospital care over the next few years. This is based on what GPs and local hospitals know about their patients health and the medicines that they are taking.

WHO IS IN THE TEAM?

Patients chosen for the collaborative care team will be looked after by advanced nurse practitioners. They are specialist nurse who can prescribe medicine and treatment. The nurse will visit the patient at home and talk to them and their carers about what they need.

After carrying out an assessment, the nurse will decide what care the patient needs and how often they should be visited.

The core team will be able to access extra advice and help from a range of specialists that are appropriate to the patients care.

The team will meet on a weekly basis to check that they are doing everything they can to help the patient stay healthy in their own home, whether this is a private residence, residential care home or learning disabilities home.
HOW LONG WILL A PATIENT BE IN THE COLLABORATIVE CARE TEAM FOR?

The time spent in the care of the collaborative care team will differ for each patient and will depend on their progress.

ARE PATIENTS STILL REGISTERED WITH THEIR USUAL GP?

Yes. The patients own GP will still be responsible for them but the collaborative care team will be able to give the extra support and care some patients need whilst working closely with your GP.

WILL GPs KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THEIR PATIENTS?

Yes. The collaborative care team will have access to GP notes and will be able to update them regularly, letting GPs know what the team has been doing to optimise their patients care. This will also allow the collaborative care team to see what patients have already had done so as to avoid unnecessary duplication of tests.

I THINK MY NEIGHBOUR OR FRIEND MIGHT BENEFIT FROM THE TEAM, HOW CAN THEY BE SEEN?

The patients in the collaborative care team are chosen in a fair and systematic way using the information we have from hospital records and GP notes. This helps us decide who will benefit the most by being in the collaborative care team and ensures that the extra support is given to those patients who need it most.

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WHAT DOES NHFT DO?

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST (NHFT)

NHFT is dedicated to providing care with compassion. We deliver many of the NHS services that are provided outside of hospital and in the community such as physical, mental health and speciality services.

Our 4,400 staff are committed to delivering care as close to home as possible for our patients, service users and carers. So where it is possible and appropriate to do so, we aim to support people in their own homes.

We offer care to more than 700,000 people in our local community and our services are delivered from a large number of sites including home based, hospitals, GP surgeries, clinics, residential care homes and learning disability homes. We have sites across the county including in Corby, Daventry, Kettering, Northampton, East Northants and South Northants.

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