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REQUEST

My name's Anneka Sharpley – I'm the Health Producer at Sky News.

1. A) Are you planning on closing or downgrading any clinical services/facilities over the next 3 financial years – up to 2020? B) If so, which services?

Specifically:

2. A) Are you planning on closing or downgrading A&E services over the next 3 financial years – up to 2020? B) If so, which services?
3. A) Are you planning on closing or downgrading any cancer services over the next 3 financial years – up to 2020? B) If so, which services?
4. A) Are you planning on closing or downgrading any maternity services over the next 3 financial years – up to 2020? B) If so, which services?
5. A) Are you planning on closing or downgrading any stroke services over the next 3 financial years – up to 2020? B) If so, which services?
6. A) Are you planning on closing or downgrading any hospitals over the next 3 financial years – up to 2020? B) If so, which services?

RESPONSE

There are no current plans to close or downgrade any of the listed services that are provided from either of the Trust's two hospitals; Whiston and St Helens Hospitals.

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, in common with all NHS provider organisations, is working with its Commissioners (Local Clinical

Commissioning Groups) and other local acute providers as part of the Cheshire and Merseyside Sustainability and Transformation Partnership to explore opportunities for delivering the NHS Five Year Forward View and ensuring that the high quality, safe services remain available to local people.