



FACT SHEET- Anticoagulant (blood thinning) service

<p>What happens now</p>	<p>Croydon Health Services NHS Trust provides most of the local hospital anticoagulant services. From April 2015, a community anticoagulant service has been running, supporting patients who take warfarin (a drug which stops blood clotting) whose condition is stable.</p>
<p>Why is change needed?</p>	<p>We want to develop a new integrated community service where more people can be assessed, diagnosed and treated for their condition close to home, without unnecessary trips to hospital.</p>
<p>What does the future look like?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Providing high quality integrated community anticoagulant service that is led by a team healthcare professionals who are experts in different areas, working together to plan treatment and ongoing care. ▪ Introducing and monitoring evidence based anticoagulation therapies including warfarin and direct oral anticoagulants (an alternative to warfarin that requires frequent monitoring and dose adjustments) for non-complex and complex patients – in line with recommendations by London Clinical Networks. ▪ More support for people on warfarin to monitor their own condition, where appropriate ▪ More support at home for people on a range of anticoagulation medications ▪ Less demand for appointments as patients are better support to monitor and manage their condition
<p>What does this mean for patients?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shorter waiting times ▪ Easier access to care that is closer to home ▪ More support for patients to understand, monitor and manage their own condition ▪ Easier to access and better quality care for people who are housebound, disabled or living in a care home
<p>What does this mean for GPs?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One route for all anticoagulant referrals for assessment, diagnosis and treatment ▪ Easier access to advice and guidance from hospital consultants ▪ Better communications and more opportunities to share learning between GPs and specialists ▪ Improving GP skills and knowledge in managing patients with conditions relating to their blood
<p>What improvements do we expect to see?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Faster assessment and access to community based care and care delivered at home for patients that need it ▪ Easier to access advice from experts so that people can be assessed and treated quicker ▪ Preventative care in the community meaning fewer people need to be admitted to hospital

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Patients and carers are more satisfied with their care ▪ Clinical leaders share learning to improve education of primary care colleagues in managing conditions that respond to anticoagulation treatment.
When will it happen?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Procurement - March to September 2018 ▪ Set up of the new service from October 2018
Meet the team	<p>Clinical lead Dr Farhhan Sami</p> <p>Senior Commissioning Lead Amit Chavda</p>