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Outcome of the decision-making meeting following the public consultation on proposals for the future location of very specialist cancer treatment services for children

We are writing to let you know that at the decision-making meeting on 14 March 2024, leaders for NHS England (London and South East regions) have decided that Evelina London Children's Hospital should be the future children's cancer centre for children living in south London and much of south east England.

As part of this move, it was also agreed that conventional radiotherapy services will in future be provided at University College Hospital in central London.

The decision comes after a 12-week public consultation in which patients, families, NHS staff and others were asked for their views on the two options for the future children's cancer centre. In the future, this will be on the same site as a level 3 children's intensive care unit and other specialist children's services.


We would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who shared their feedback as part of this process. This feedback has been carefully considered and used to inform the decision taken today.

In line with the public consultation, the options were for the future centre to be at either Evelina London Children's Hospital in Lambeth, or St George's Hospital in Tooting with conventional radiotherapy services at University College Hospital in central London for both.

Both options were strong and would provide a children's cancer centre on the same site as a children's intensive care unit and associated services. This is in line with national clinical requirements. It will also be capable of giving innovative treatments that require intensive care support on site.

NHS England leaders for London and South East region have chosen Evelina London Children's Hospital because, as a specialist children's hospital which treats 120,000 children a year, Evelina London's wide range of services, support for hospitals across its catchment area to look after poorly young patients, and strong performance in research are just some of the factors that showed it is the right place for the future Children's Cancer Centre. Its experienced, expert teams will work with The Royal Marsden and St George's which provide the current centre to minimise disruption for patients and ensure a smooth handover.





Please be assured that the care that your child is currently receiving is not impacted by this decision. Their care will continue as planned and you should continue to attend your appointments as normal.

We want to reassure you that there will be no sudden changes to how children and young people receive care. The future Principal Treatment Centre will not be ready before October 2026. We know that the highly-qualified and specialist teams who currently work on the two sites work very hard to make sure children with cancer get high quality, safe and joined-up care.

Patients, parents and staff involved in the service will have the opportunity to be part of work to design the new service and facilities.

Evelina London as the future Principal Treatment Centre will work closely with The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust, patients and their families, staff in the current service, and other partners to ensure that the move to the future site is as smooth as possible. Feedback from patients and families has, and will continue, to influence our plans for the transition of services.

Further information is available on the [reconfiguration programme website](#).

A recording of the meeting will be available on the website.

If you have any questions, or would like to get in touch, please email england.childrenscancercentre@nhs.net

Best wishes,



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