

# CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL

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## Update on Former Hospital School

At the end of February 2011 Plymouth Hospital School was closed and the Alternative Complementary Education (ACE) Service assumed responsibility for medical related educational issues and established the ACE Health and Welfare department. The service is based on a number of sites and offers a range of provision.

## Greenfields Outreach Base

The Greenfields Outreach base is situated in the grounds of Estover Primary School, next to Torbridge High. The building was first opened in September 2007 as a 'temporary' base pending a new build that opened on the Torbridge campus in June 2011, now known as the Dover Road Health and Welfare site. The outreach base is for KS3 & 4 students who are referred to ACE, Health & Welfare. There are two classrooms in the base, one for KS3 and one for KS4. Students are generally at the base for short-term support to overcome the difficulties that prevent them from attending their mainstream schools. They are then either reintegrated to their school, or an alternative placement sought.

The curriculum offered to the students is based around the core subjects, with additional lessons in such subjects as Food Technology, History, Art, Information & Communication Technology and Physical Education. Students can study towards GCSE examination if appropriate, or for AQA (Assessment & Qualifications Alliance) Unit Awards, functional skills or other accreditation.

As the KS4 group is the largest group, many of the students leave us to go on to further education. We maintain strong links with local further education providers and some of our students attend the City College for one day a week on a Foundation Learning course.



## The Children's Ward at Derriford Hospital

The Service has a base in the children's ward at Derriford Hospital which provides support and education to the children and young people who have been admitted as in-patients, for a variety of physical and health related reasons. The teachers and staff are able to support the family and the child in terms of education and learning as well as make effective links with the young person's school.

## **Mount Gould Hospital**

### **Terraces Day Assessment Unit**

The Terraces Unit is an NHS day patient assessment unit for children aged 5 to 12 years old. Admission is via NHS referral. The unit works with young people who are displaying a variety of behaviours and compulsive reactions and provides assessment and support. The ACE Service provides education and support to the family and young people working closely with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) team.

### **Cotehele Residential Unit**

The Cotehele residential adolescent mental health unit is a Tier 4 CAMHS provision which admits young people from 11 to 18 from the whole of the South West peninsula. Admission is via NHS referral. The ACE service provides a broad offer of education from key stage 3 to 5. The provision is underpinned by a therapeutic approach to occupying the young people with a positive educational experience that can build confidence and aspiration.

### **Virtual provision**

The service offers virtual provision for children and young people in the form of 'NOT school' and NISAI (virtual learning providers) and also has its own virtual provision which is hosted by ITS Learning.

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