

**AGENDA ITEM****Fareham and Gosport**   
Primary Care Trust**BRIEFING NOTE****Title**  
**GP beds at Gosport War memorial Hosp****Background and Summary**

Sultan ward at GWMH provides 24 beds for the use of local GP's (approx 44) who are paid through a bed fund.

GP's admit their own patients and then consult to them while they are in patients. Over the last few years there has been increasing call on these beds by Portsmouth Hospitals trust in the shape of transfers from their acute wards. This requires the patient's GP to accept responsibility for the ongoing care of the referred patient.

Three practices (12 GP's) have signalled their intention to resign from the bed fund, effective middle to end Nov. The resignations relate to increasing practice pressures. There is no immediate impact on beds due to this action. . However should a larger number of practices resign from the bed fund there might be an issue concerning keeping bed occupancy at a reasonable level and making the best use of this resource in the hospital.

Should the bed occupancy fall then consideration would be given to how best these beds might be used within the PCT area.

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