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A multi-centre study to evaluate community hospital care for older people

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Plain English summary of protocol
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Protocol serial number
121/7509

Study information

Scientific Title

Acronym
The 'PATCH' study

Study objectives
1. Do older people transferred to a community hospital obtain and maintain a greater degree of functional independence?
2. Is carer burden and strain reduced?
3. Is the patient and carer experience more favourable?
4. Are the "whole system" costs (Health and Social Services combined) comparable or less with the community hospital model of care?

Ethics approval required
Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)
Medical Research Ethics Committee (MREC) approval gained on 1/3/35.

Approval also gained from the following boards:
1. East Cumbria LREC (no reference number).
2. South Birmingham LREC (reference number: 5787M).
3. Northallerton LREC (no reference number).
4. York LREC (reference number: 01/08/012).

Primary study design
Interventional

Study design
A mixed methods design incorporating a single 'blind', randomised, prospective multi-centre trial implemented in five study locations

Study type(s)
Quality of life

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied
All older patients admitted to the department of elderly care.

Interventions
Intervention group: post-acute care in a community hospital providing a multi-disciplinary rehabilitation approach
Control group: extended general hospital stay with multi-disciplinary care

Intervention Type
Other

Phase
Not Specified

Primary outcome(s)
1. Patient: Nottingham Extended Activities of Daily Living Scale
2. Carer: General Health Questionnaire 28

Key secondary outcome(s)
1. Patient:
a. Barthel Index
b. Nottingham Health Profile
c. Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale
d. Euroqol (EQ5D)scale
e. service satisfaction
f. mortality
g. discharge destination
h. resource use
2. Carer: Carer Strain Index

Completion date
01/03/2003

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria
All patients (casualty and direct from general practitioner) admitted to the participating departments of elderly care with a postcode address corresponding to the locality served by the seven Community Hospitals will be eligible for inclusion to the trial.

The patient must be sufficiently medically stable for the non-district general hospital care to be clinically appropriate.

Participant type(s)
Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed
No

Age group
Senior

Sex
All

Key exclusion criteria
Acutely ill or medically unstable patients will be exluded.

Date of first enrolment
01/03/2000

Date of final enrolment
01/03/2003

Locations

Countries of recruitment
United Kingdom

England

Study participating centre
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Sponsor information

Organisation
National Institute for Health Research Central Commissioning Facility (NIHR-CCF) (UK)

ROR
https://ror.org/03c1etk80

Funder(s)

Funder type
Government

Funder Name
Department of Health/Medical Research Council (reference number: 1217509) under the umbrella of the National Intermediate Care Evaluation Programme - part of the department's policy research programme to support the national service framework for older people: the Older People and Unscheduled care Services group (OPUS) programme.

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary
Not provided at time of registration

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Results article		01/12/2007		Yes	No
Other publications		01/09/2008		Yes	No