

# Going to a Community Hospital after leaving the Royal Berkshire Hospital

**This leaflet explains what you might expect to happen if you are ready to continue your rehabilitation in a Community Hospital.**

Your clinical team have agreed that you are medically well enough to leave the Royal Berkshire Hospital, but you need further rehabilitation to improve your mobility before going home. This can be provided by our Community Hospital services, depending on your needs.

## What can you expect to happen?

There are three Community Hospitals in Berkshire West – West Berkshire, Wokingham and Oakwood in Reading. Oxford has several Community Hospitals, including Abingdon, Didcot, Wantage and Wallingford.

Each hospital offers different types of rehabilitation services and accommodation. Community Hospital clinicians will be involved in deciding which of them best meets your needs and you will be assigned to one of the hospitals on a clinical basis rather than on where you live. If you are offered a Community Hospital bed and you choose **not** to accept the offer, you will need to return home with therapy and care support there instead. The ward therapists will arrange this. The Royal Berkshire Hospital is not able to offer rehabilitation and you will not be able to stay.

## How quickly will you be transferred?

You will be transferred as soon as a community bed is available. This can take time to set up, depending on the care you need. The Community Hospital will continue to look after you and work to get you home as quickly as possible.

