

Healthcare for London Report endorses MediHome approach to hospital care at home

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Professor Sir Ara Darzi, a leading surgeon appointed by Gordon Brown as a new health minister, has just published a radical blueprint for the future of health care in London. The service provided by MediHome, the hospital-care-at-home company, receive special mention as an exemplar of best practice recommended for adoption for the future.

Extract from the report:-

“People want to be cared for at home, so the home should be seen as a location where care is given. Much planned care can be delivered at home including intravenous antibiotics and some cancer treatments. Better use should be made of specialist nurses to deliver high-quality care at home. In addition, much more can be done to support early discharge and rehabilitation. For instance Medihome and the Royal National Orthopaedic hospital have formed a partnership to allow patients to be discharged early and then cared for at home. Patients prefer it, there are cost savings and it is clinically safe.”

MediHome is working with a number of NHS organisations in London including Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital at Stanmore, mentioned above, and Hounslow PCT. Professor Sir Ara Darzi and his team confirm that completing a patient's recovery at home provides many benefits including improving clinical outcomes and making best use of NHS resources. It is also the preference of the vast majority of patients.

Dr Mark Lomax, Managing Director and Founder of MediHome comments – “We very much welcome the report and its support for increasing the number of hospital patients receiving care at home. We are pleased to see case studies elsewhere in the report that describe acute home nursing as the way of the future. The work that MediHome is doing for Hounslow PCT and RNOH Stanmore demonstrates that this solution can be implemented today.”

About MediHome

Founded by Dr Mark Lomax in 2002, based in Slough. MediHome provides quality, high impact, short-term nursing care following an acute hospital admission to patients in their own homes. Nurses are registered with the Nursing Midwifery Council and have a wide range of nursing experience in various specialist settings. MediHome is regulated and inspected by the Commission for Social Care Inspection. MediHome works with the NHS, ISTC providers and individual consultants and patients. MediHome's innovative approach was featured in a case study in the 2004 NHS Modernisation Board Report.

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