

### **New Transition Service for Adolescent Health Care**

The NOC is in the process of setting up a Transition Service which will meet the needs of young people aged 16 to 23 years as they progress from paediatric to adult services. A surgical adolescent outpatient clinic with the Spinal Team will be trialled initially – this will be followed by further trials with other services at the NOC. An adolescent ward area will also be established.

GPs are often consulted by young people during transition. We would particularly value engagement and feedback from GPs on establishing such a service. Please email Dr Nick Wilkinson, Consultant Paediatrician and Paediatric Rheumatologist at [nick.wilkinson@noc.nhs.uk](mailto:nick.wilkinson@noc.nhs.uk).

Further information can be obtained from the DOH website – in particular Transition: getting it right for young people, published in March 2006, is a good practice guide which shows how the handover from young people's to adult health services should be planned and managed as a process.