

Joint Health Scrutiny Committee
Meeting to be held on 31 May 2012

Electoral Division affected: All

Mental Health Inpatient Reconfiguration
(Appendix A refers)

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Executive Summary

At the meeting of the Joint Health Committee on 25 January members were presented with assurances that the first phase of transition had been achieved and informed of the future transitional arrangements. This included details of the phase two plan until October 2013.

Lancashire Care Foundation Trust would be in the process of transition for the next four years until 2016. This involved the de-commissioning of existing mental health inpatient facilities, which were being replaced with alternative community provision and a superior standard of accommodation to be provided from four specialist sites across Lancashire. In making the presentation it was also acknowledged that dementia care was a very important part of mental health care.

It was agreed that further updates would be brought to the Joint Health Committee for scrutiny and comment.

Attached at Appendix A is the latest position with regards progress on the Lancashire Dementia Workstream.

Recommendation

The Joint Health Scrutiny committee is asked to consider and comment on the report.

Background and Advice

In response to a Department of Health directive, the Lancashire PCTs retested their proposals to reconfigure acute mental health services across Lancashire. The PCT Boards considered the recommendations of the Technical Appraisal Group (TAG)

and agreed to work up the development of four inpatient facilities across Lancashire as follows:

- A new inpatient facility at Whyndyke Farm in Blackpool.
- The redevelopment of the Oaklands Unit on Pathfinders Drive in Lancaster.
- The redevelopment of existing facilities at the Royal Blackburn Hospital site.
- An inpatient facility in Central Lancashire (location to be confirmed following further engagement work).

The agreed next steps were to develop an action plan to address outstanding areas which include improving affordability, achieving best value for the tax payer, and clinical issues such as the new model of care for dementia services and delivery of consistent and high quality crisis services across Lancashire.

The inpatient reconfiguration will take place until 2016. This will involve the decommissioning of existing facilities whilst in parallel developing the new ones.

Currently inpatient care is provided on the basis of age. Adults – anyone aged 18 or over and older adults – anyone aged 65 or over. A new model of care has been developed for future inpatient services which will provide care based on a person's condition as opposed to their age. An element of the transitional arrangements will include the gradual roll out the new model of care in preparation for moving into the new facilities.

The progress to date and an update on the anticipated dementia public consultation are explained in greater detail in Appendix A, together with an overview of the next steps to be taken.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate