

Health Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 12 December 2017

Electoral Division affected: (All Divisions);
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Improvements to Mental Health provision in Lancashire (Appendices A and B refer)

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Executive Summary

Officers from the Lancashire Care Foundation Trust will attend the meeting to present planned changes for mental health inpatient provision in the Pennine Lancashire and Central Lancashire areas.

Recommendation

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

1. Consider and comment on the planned changes to mental health inpatient provision for the Pennine Lancashire and Central Lancashire areas;
2. Note the planned changes for a site in Pennine Lancashire remains the original proposal as previously supported by the Joint Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 13 November 2012; and
3. Support the planned changes for a site in Central Lancashire to be located at the former mental health inpatient accommodation on the Chorley Hospital site.

Background and Advice

Officers from the Lancashire Care Foundation Trust (LCFT) will attend the meeting to present planned changes for mental health inpatient provision in the Pennine Lancashire and Central Lancashire areas. A copy of the presentation that will be delivered at the meeting is set out at appendix 'A'.

The planned changes represent the next phase of improvements to mental health provision (Acute reconfiguration) in Lancashire that commenced with a formal consultation in 2006, which was formally signed off by the Joint Primary Care Trust (PCT) the Joint Lancashire Blackpool and Blackburn Mental Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee in Spring 2007 and the launch of a ten year programme of reconfiguration.

Reconfigurations to date have been subject to scrutiny both by this Committee and the former Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny and Health Equalities Overview and Scrutiny Committees and jointly with Cumbria County Council, Blackpool Council and Blackburn with Darwen Council. In particular, the now disestablished Joint Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 13 November 2012, supported the proposals "to work up the development of four inpatient facilities across Lancashire as follows:

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

The Orchard on Pathfinders Drive in Lancaster opened in 2014. The Harbour opened in 2015.

Pennine Lancashire

At a meeting of the Governing Body of Blackburn with Darwen Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) on 5 July 2017, it was reported that "as a result of delays in preparing the Royal Blackburn site for development an alternative option was put forward by LCFT in 2014. This was to proceed with a new build option adjacent to the Royal Blackburn Hospital. This option can no longer be pursued as it is now unaffordable; the preferred option remains the original proposal for refurbishment set out in the Technical Appraisal which is the Royal Blackburn Hospital site." The Governing Body was asked to note the preferred option remained the original proposal at the Royal Blackburn Hospital. The Governing Body's resolution on this matter noted the preferred option.

Central Lancashire

At meetings of the Governing Bodies for Chorley and South Ribble CCG and Greater Preston CCG held on 26 and 27 July 2017 respectively, a recommendation was made to approve the preferred option to locate the unit on the Chorley Hospital site (utilising the former mental health inpatient accommodation there). The Governing Body for the Greater Preston CCG approved the preferred option. However, the Governing Body meeting for Chorley and South Ribble was not quorate and whilst governing body members supported the proposals, final approval, by delegation was given by the Chair and Chief Officer.

Health Scrutiny Steering Group referral

At its meeting on 27 September 2017, the Steering Group met with representatives from LCFT to discuss the planned changes. A copy of the briefing note which was presented is set out at appendix 'B'. In referring the matter to the full Health Scrutiny Committee for this meeting, the Steering Group formulated the following key lines of enquiry for LCFT to report back on:

- Clarity on current service provision in Central and Pennine Lancashire;
- Clarity around the approach to service redesign;
- Further detail on improvement plans;
- Outline of the different pathways – the demand, waiting times, gaps, where are we not meeting demand?; and
- Adequacy of supply and the range of services (enhanced community services) – enough to meet demand, flexible, staffing resources and the budget to support?

The Health Scrutiny Committee is therefore asked to consider and comment on the planned changes to mental health inpatient provision for the Pennine Lancashire and Central Lancashire areas; note the planned changes for a site in Pennine Lancashire at the Royal Blackburn Hospital; and support the planned changes for a site in Central Lancashire to be located at the former mental health inpatient accommodation on the Chorley Hospital site.

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Health Scrutiny Committee – Work Plan report	31 October 2017	Gary Halsall, 01772 536989
Joint Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee Agenda and Minutes	13 November 2012	

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A