

Update Report on Consultation on the new mental health hospital in York

1. Introduction

Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) was awarded the contract for mental health and learning disability services within the Vale of York on 1 October 2015. As part of TEWV's plans for services there was a focus on the transforming services and addressing the estate infrastructure was a core part of its programme of modernising services. A key component of this plan is the development of a new mental health hospital within York.

This paper outlines the:

- proposed arrangements for formal consultation including the communications and engagement plan
- key questions to be considered as part of the consultation process.

2. Background

Prior to 1 October 2015 adult inpatient services and some older people's inpatient services were based at Bootham Park Hospital, an 18th century Grade 1 listed building.

The CQC had previously highlighted problems with the hospital, which over the years had undergone a range of extensions and reconfigurations within the constraints of its listed status.

During a visit in January 2015 the CQC found that despite attempts to improve the premises, there were still concerns about safety on some of the wards and they concluded that plans should be developed to move out of Bootham Park Hospital into a high quality clinical environment.

On 24 September 2015, following an unannounced inspection, the Care Quality Commission (independent regulator of health and social care in England) confirmed that Bootham Park Hospital was

not fit for purpose and patient services had to be moved by the end of September.

Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) took over services in the Vale of York on 1 October 2015 and since then has been doing all it can to minimise the impact of the closure on service users, their families and staff.

Currently inpatient assessment and treatment services for older people are provided at Meadowfields in York, Worsley Court in Selby, and Cherry Tree House in York. TEWV have also refurbished Peppermill Court in York which will open as an adult inpatient assessment and treatment unit at the end of August 2016. These units do not provide ensuite accommodation.

The need for a new mental health hospital has been a long standing concern for the people of York.

3. Engagement to date

TEWV took over responsibility for services at a difficult time and the Trust's priority has been to minimise the impact of the closure of Bootham Park Hospital on service users, their families and staff.

This has also included listening to local people and as part of this TEWV and Healthwatch held four engagement events in March and April 2016 to give people the opportunity to exchange views, information and concerns about the future development of mental health and learning disability services across the Vale of York.

This was followed by four workshops in May which gave people an early opportunity to be involved in the development of the new hospital. The sessions focused on three main areas – the size and number of beds needed, potential sites for the new hospital and best practice in building design. At these sessions there was a long list of potential sites (10+) which were explored and the challenges to the existing Bootham Hospital site were highlighted. The presentation detail is attached which outlines the full scope of the workshops (Appendix 1).

The feedback received from these events is helping us develop the final options around the proposed short list of site options. The Trust is currently undertaking detailed work in refining the potential site options to inform the formal consultation process.

4. Consultation

It is anticipated that the formal consultation process will begin in Autumn (September) and will last for 12 weeks. A communications and engagement plan is attached (Appendix 2) which outlines the proposed arrangements to enable people to influence our plans. The consultation elements are outlined below:

The consultation document will outline the current inpatient services that are in place across the Vale of York, and give additional background to existing services. Within the document there will be an outline of the shortlisted site options with additional information on the rationale for inclusion and detail around the advantages and disadvantages of each site. We will seek feedback on the sites proposed.

There will be detail on how we want to develop more services in the community. We will outline our plans to reduce the current number of beds within the Locality by enhancing the community services and reducing reliance on beds. We will seek views on the proposed number and configuration of beds.

The consultation feedback will inform the next steps around the new hospital plans. In addition the option appraisal will take in consideration time factors, cost, achievability, site investigations and design review. The outcome of consultation and the preferred option will be reported back in the new year.

5. Conclusion

TEWV, working in close collaboration with the Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), have developed a plan around the next steps for the formal consultation for a new mental health facility in York.

Overview and Scrutiny are asked to consider the proposed arrangements for the communication and engagement plan. The Committee is requested to support the direction of travel proposed and feedback any refinements to help inform our approach.

The October meeting of the Health & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to review mental health services with a focus on what TEWV have done since taking on services from 1 October 2015. This will also be an opportunity to fully consider the new hospital plans.

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Annex 1 – Engagement Workshops run by TEWV

Annex 2 – Communication & Engagement Plan

Annex 3 – Community Hubs