

Community Hubs - Update

1. Background

Work has been undertaken to review the configuration and relocation of Community Mental Health Teams (CMHT) across the Vale of York, since Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) was awarded the contract for mental health and learning disability services on 1 October 2015.

A review of the current buildings from which CMHT's operate has identified a number of constraints with the existing estate. Many of the buildings offer poor patient facing environments, poor staff facilities, do not meet DDA requirements and are not optimally configured to meet modern mental health estate expectations.

TEWV's tender response outlined new ways of working building on the Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group's engagement work (Discover), which highlighted a wider community focus.

As part of TEWV's commitment to modernise and enhance services, the Trust has been developing plans to create community hubs where CMHT services can be provided. A hub will offer outpatient and treatment facilities as well as CMHT office space for adults and older people.

2. Community Hub Principles

One of the principles of the community hub development is that this should enhance the range of appropriate environments for patients to be seen in. Our planning assumptions also include providing appointments and services within patients own homes, GP surgeries and other community venues. We will want to continue to maximise the visibility of mental health practitioners within primary care settings and will continue to work to explore how this can be maximised.

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As part of our planning assumptions we have considered the use of existing estate, local access issues for patients including reviewing where patients currently travel to/ public transport issues and availability of alternative sites which are affordable and meet our timescales for change.

3. Community Hub Site Options

A working group have considered a range of options and undertaken a full option appraisal on possible sites.

This assessment has indicated that there would ideally be 3 main CMHT hubs across the Vale of York. This would cover Selby, York East and York West.

Taking each of the Hub areas in turn:

Selby – The CMHT currently use Worsley Court for accommodation and clinic appointments. Some estate work is planned to modify the facility (as part of further work around rehabilitation and recovery services) and this will also enhance the facility to increase the number of clinic rooms. This work is still in development.

York West - Acomb – The CMHT currently has office space and a small number of clinic rooms at Acomb Gables. Estate works have been agreed as part of the plans to bring MHSOP beds into this unit. As part of these plans additional clinic space has been developed and will be available from November 2016.

York East – A new site has been identified – Huntington House at Monks Cross which would enable services from Bootham Park Hospital (including the chapel and driveway), Union Terrace, Huntington Road, (St Andrews) and 22 The Avenue to be relocated. A business case is being compiled to confirm the detailed plans and revenue costs relating to this hub development, but it is anticipated that the new site will be available for patient use from December 2017.

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4. Conclusion

The revised configuration of community hubs will enable better care facilities for outpatient services. It will improve access to clinic space (transport and DDA compliance) and offer a more appropriate environment for staff to work in.

The changes proposed enhance accessibility for service users.

Feedback on the proposals is requested to help inform our ongoing plans. Please contact Ruth Hill, Director of Operations, Bootham Park Hospital, York YO30 7BY, email: ruth.hill6@nhs.net or Tel: 01904 294623