

Information Paper

**Joint Health Scrutiny Meeting between North Yorkshire County Council,
Leeds County Council & City of York Council**

1. This paper updates the Committee on the outcome of the Joint Health Scrutiny meeting between Health Scrutiny Members of North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC), Leeds City Council (LCC) and City of York Council (CYC) that took place on the 15th February, in Harrogate.
2. The purpose of the joint meeting was to hear from representatives of Harrogate and Rural District (HRD) Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) and related parties regarding the proposal (See Annex 1) relating to a pause in the planned build of a 36 bed mental health in-patient facility at Cardale Park in Harrogate and the development of community-based crisis care. Members of all three authorities participating in the joint meeting wanted to better understand the broader impact of the proposals on their respective residents.
3. At the 12 February meeting of this committee it was agreed that Cllrs Doughty, Cullwick and K Taylor take part in the joint scrutiny meeting and the committee noted the proposed agenda and terms of reference
4. At the outset Cllr Jim Clark from North Yorkshire County Council was appointed Chair of the joint scrutiny meeting and he outlined the background and the likely effects of not proceeding with building a new mental health facility in Harrogate would have on neighbouring authorities.
5. At the start of the joint meeting Members heard concerns from the Operation Manager of Healthwatch North Yorkshire and a North Yorkshire County Councillor who asked TEWV and HRD CCG to consider carefully all options before stopping the in-patient facility in Harrogate and moving them to York.

6. During the discussion relating to the Mental Hospital being built in York, it was representatives of TEWV reiterated that there are no current plans to increase the number of beds from the current number of 72.
7. A review by the Yorkshire and Humber Clinical Senate into the TEWV and HRD proposal was discussed. Recommendations from the review included a need for the proposal to demonstrate that the York facility has the capacity for the Harrogate population and to provide further details on the pathways for the patients in Harrogate if the York Facility is full. TEWV and HaRD confirmed that studies are ongoing in regard to recommendations by the Clinical Senate

Response from TEWV, HRD CCG, Leeds CCG and Scarborough and Ryedale CCG

8. In response to Members questions, the Chief Executive, Deputy Director of Operations and Deputy Medical Director (TEWV), the Director of Quality and Governance Executive Nurse (HRD CCG), Director of Commissioning (Leeds CCG), GP Mental Health Lead (Scarborough and Ryedale CCG) confirmed:
 - Representatives welcomed the Joint Meeting on Health as it raises the profile of mental health, which a positive.
 - The Yorkshire and Humber Clinical Senate Review has been referenced by commissioners as being useful as an independent piece of scrutiny assessing the options in the Cardale Park proposal, not as an endorsement of the proposal. All points raised in the review (including have been or are in the process of being addressed in the business case for the proposal.
 - The decision to pause the build of Cardale Park has been made by the TEWV Board based on evidence and unlikely to be reversed.
 - Ongoing work is being done on the impact of the proposals on Harrogate residents.
 - There are no plans to increase the current number of beds (72) in the mental health hospital being built on Haxby Road, York.
 - No consultation has taken place with residents of Wetherby (Leeds) regarding their preferences of where they would like to receive care. However a series of discussions have taken place. Meetings with councillors in the area have taken place but more consultation is required as the proposal develop.

- HRD CCG and TEWV are committed to developing a 12 week consultation on their proposal and invite Healthwatch North Yorkshire to help shape the consultation model.
- The preferred option of enhanced community-based care is supported by NHS England.
- There is a societal problem of over reliance on beds, while emphasis should be on crisis care. Ideally people should be looked after in their home. There is a need to look at the broader TEWV estate to utilise assets to sustain services in the long term for the vast majority of the population.
- Need to shift from people waiting many hours in hospital to being treated at home.

Further Joint meetings

9. A meeting of the joint committee to be convened once the public engagement process by TEWV, HRD CCG and Leeds CCGs has been completed and there is a better understanding of: 1) what the model of enhanced community mental health care will be; 2) what the demand for in-patient beds will be; and 3) how the transition between in-patient care and enhanced community care will be managed.

Further scrutiny of mental health provision

10. Local scrutiny of mental health service commissioning and provision through the three local authority health scrutiny arrangements will continue in the interim And the three local authority scrutiny officers will maintain communication between the three committees and ensure that work is appropriately co-ordinated.

Updating scrutiny on further developments

11. In the interim, HRD CCG, Leeds CCG and TEWV to provide the health scrutiny committees in North Yorkshire, Leeds and York with further information on:
 - planned engagement process, including timings and scope;
 - the progress that is being made with transition from s.136 suites and to places of safety in the community;

- how NHS, local authority, voluntary and community sector and private sector organisations are working together to provide mental health support and services in the community.

Impact of changing in regional demographics on mental health provision

12. HRD CCG, Leeds CCG and TEWV to consider the impact of house building and the changing demographic of communities in Harrogate, York and Wetherby upon the planning of enhanced community services and in-patient services.

Updating scrutiny on Mental Health Hospital in York

13. Acknowledging there are currently no plans to increase the in-patient bed capacity at the new hospital facility being built at York, HRD CCG, Leeds CCG and TEWV to provide:
 - (i) Further assurance that the planned in-patient capacity will be sufficient to meet current and predicted future needs of the population.
 - (ii) An impact assessment (and mitigation plan) for those populations currently accessing in-patient care at Harrogate.

Recommendation: To note the information and outcomes set out in the report.

Reason: To keep Members of the Committee informed on regional developments.

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Wards Affected:

All



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Background Papers:

Yorkshire and the Humber Clinical Senate Review: Harrogate and Rural District CCG on Mental Health

<http://www.yhsenate.nhs.uk/modules/reports/protected/files/YH%20Senate%20Report%20FINAL2.0%20-%20Harrogate%20MH%20Dec%202018.pdf>

Annexes

Annex 1: Transforming mental health services for adults and older adults in the Harrogate and Rural District

Abbreviations

CCG – Clinical Commissioning Group

CYC-City of York

FT – Foundation Trust

HRD- Harrogate and Rural District

LCC- Leeds City Council

NHS- National Health Service

NYCC- North Yorkshire Country Council

TEWV – Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust