

Special Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

14 December 2015



Proposed reconfiguration of Organic Inpatient Wards serving County Durham and Darlington

Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide members of the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with background information in respect of proposals by Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and the three CCGs in County Durham and Darlington to reconfigure Organic Inpatient wards serving County Durham and Darlington.

Background

- 2 Notification has been received from Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and the three CCGs regarding proposals to consult on options for the reconfiguration of Organic Inpatient wards serving County Durham and Darlington.
- 3 Organic illnesses in relation to this proposal are predominantly those conditions we know as being dementia.
- 4 Under Section 244 of the NHS Act 2006, local NHS bodies have a duty to consult local Overview and Scrutiny Committees on proposals for any substantial development of the health service or substantial variation in the provision in their areas. Scrutiny Committees are also required to consider the extent of consultation undertaken.

Proposal to consult on the future configuration of Inpatient wards for Older people with Organic Mental Illness in County Durham and Darlington

- 5 Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and the 3 CCGs have provided the Council with a briefing report and communications and engagement plan setting out how they intend to consult on the proposals .
- 6 The report is attached as Appendix 2 and representatives of Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust as well as North Durham CCG (who are leading on behalf of Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG and Darlington CCG) will be in attendance to provide members with information detailing:-
 - The rationale for the review of inpatient services for older people with organic mental health illnesses within County Durham and Darlington;

- The proposed options for future configuration of the service that are to be consulted upon; the number of people affected by the proposed changes; admission rates for each CCG and an evaluation completed by the MHSOP service of each option.
 - The proposed consultation, communication and engagement activities that will be undertaken in informing the local community about the review and what is being proposed and how they can input into the review process.
- 7 Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and the three CCGs propose an engagement process commencing on 4 January 2016 and lasting until 28 March 2016 after which the feedback obtained during this process will be considered alongside the proposals to assist the CCGs in making a final decision. It is suggested that this feedback be reported back to this Committee at its meeting on 8 April 2016.

Recommendation

- 8 The Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:-
1. receive this report;
 2. note and comment on the report of Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and the proposals for consultation and engagement detailed therein ;
 3. agree to a further report being brought back to the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee in April 2016 detailing the feedback from the communication and engagement activity prior to a final decision being made by the CCGs in respect of the proposals.

Background papers

None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance - None

Staffing - None

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken in respect of the proposals and is attached to this report.

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder - None

Human Rights - None

Consultation – The proposed consultation, communications and engagement plan for the review has been appended to this report.

Procurement - None

Disability Issues - None

Legal Implications – None