

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Proposed Reconfiguration of Organic Inpatient Wards serving County Durham and Darlington



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Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide members of the Health and Wellbeing Board with background information in respect of proposals by Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and the three Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in County Durham and Darlington to consult on reconfiguration of 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.

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

4. Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and the three CCGs have provided a consultation document setting out how they intend to consult on the proposals which is attached at Appendix 2 and outlines the following:
 - 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 Mental Health Services For Older People (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.
5. The engagement process commenced on 4 January 2016 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.

Recommendations

6. The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:
- Receive this report for information.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance

No implications.

Staffing

No implications.

Risk

No implications.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken in respect of the proposals.

Accommodation

No implications.

Crime and Disorder

No implications.

Human Rights

No implications.

Consultation

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

Procurement

No implications.

Disability Issues

No implications.

Legal Implications

No implications.