

**9 May 2016**



**Proposed reconfiguration of Organic  
Inpatient (Dementia) Wards serving  
County Durham and Darlington**

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**Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive**

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**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To provide members of the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the results of the statutory consultation exercise undertaken 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 (Dementia) wards serving County Durham and Darlington.

**Background**

- 2 At a special meeting of the Adults Wellbeing and Health OSC held on 14 December 2016, members received reports 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 the 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.

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- 5 Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and the 3 CCGs provided the Council with a briefing report and communications and engagement plan setting out how they intend to consult on the proposals, and which members of the Committee commented upon at their meeting.
- 6 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) also attended 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 Mental Health Services for Older People 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 The formal consultation process commenced on 4 January 2016 and ended on 28 March 2016.
- 8 The attached report from Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS FT sets out the results of the consultation as well as the feedback obtained during the process. Representatives of TEWV and the North Durham CCG (who are leading on behalf of Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG and Darlington CCG) will be in attendance to advise members of the consultation response and the views expressed by the TEWV Board at its meeting held on 26 April 2016 when they considered the consultation report.

### **Recommendation**

- 9 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 results of the consultation and engagement detailed therein.

### **Background papers**

Reports to Special Adults Wellbeing and Health OSC – 14 December 2016

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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**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 previously been considered by this Committee and the results of the consultation exercise are detailed within the report of TEWV NHS Foundation Trust.

**Procurement - None**

**Disability Issues - None**

**Legal Implications – None**