

COMMITTEE: Stockport Council Health Scrutiny Committee

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REPORT TITLE: Developing and Improving Non-Acute Services for Older People in Stockport

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Health Scrutiny Committee on progress in improving and developing Older People's Non-Acute Services. The report will focus on progress made in developing the new non-acute service model and plans to decommission the Older People's in-patient services currently provided at Cherry Tree Hospital.

Members should note that this report contains outline proposals for information and for comment. The proposals have not yet been agreed by the PCT Board.

2.0 Information

During 2006/7 the PCT carried out a full consultation on proposals for developing and improving older people's non acute services. The Health Scrutiny Committee responded to the PCT's statutory consultation and at it's meeting in April 2007 it agreed to submit a response which comprised of three recommendations. These recommendations and relevant update information are set out here.

(i) That the proposals be supported in principle, but only on the condition that in the short-term, the Cherry Tree service is maintained in tandem with the new service in order to ensure that there is no shortfall should the new service prove to be inadequate.

As agreed in the consultation period there will be a 'double running' phase whilst the new service is developed and the services at Cherry Tree Hospital are closed on a phased basis. The details of the double running are in the process of being further developed. The proposed closure of the wards is likely to take place during the period September 2008 – December 2008 and additional bed based capacity will be available in the community during this time and for a short period beyond this time to allow the new service to be tested and evaluated.

(ii) That during the Phase One period set out in the consultation document, the Committee is kept constantly updated on the investment into the Independent Care Rapid Assessment Service, additional intermediate care service and the expansion in rehabilitation at home service.

Details with regard to the investment in the new service are in the process of being finalised and agreed between the commissioners and service providers. Details with regard to investment in the service will be shared with members as soon as they are finalised and agreed.

(iii) That prior to the closure of the Cherry Tree service, a comprehensive report be submitted, setting out how the PCT has satisfied itself that the commissioned new service effectively manages risk, increases capacity in the residential and nursing care homes, and provides demonstrable improvement in the service. If the PCT cannot demonstrate satisfaction, then it should reconsider the proposals.

Members are asked to note section 4 of the attached report and appendices 1 – 3, that set out in some detail the proposed service model and structure and the staffing and resource requirements.

The proposed service structure is illustrated in appendices 1 – 3. This proposed service model is both a consolidation and redesign of existing therapy, nursing and social work capacity within the Intermediate Care Placement Team, Cherry Tree Hospital Social Work Team and Rehab at Home service, plus additional investment. The benefit of this model is that there are significant efficiencies over many comparable Intermediate Care services as it builds on rather than duplicates existing routes into the service (contact centre, hospital social work team, Out of Hours and Referral and Information services).

3.0 Recommendation

- 1. Members are asked to note the progress that has been made in developing the new service model;**
- 2. Members of are invited to comment on the proposals for the development of the new non-acute service;**
- 3. Members are also asked to note that these proposals have yet to be finalised and agreed via the PCT board and other PCT and Council Governance structures.**

Further information

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