

Health Scrutiny Panel

12 January 2017

Report title	An Update Regarding the NHS Learning Disability In-patient provision at Pond Lane Hospital which is provided by the Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	
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Wards affected	All	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group Commissioning Committee and Governing Body	

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Panel is recommended to:

1. Recommendations for noting:

The Health Scrutiny Panel is asked to note:

The outcome of the consultation regarding the closure of inpatient services on the Pond lane site, and the relocation of the inpatient services to alternative provision in Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide members of the Health Scrutiny Panel with an update regarding the NHS Learning Disability In-patient provision at Pond Lane Hospital including a the outcome of the consultation and agreement by Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Committee and Governing Body to relocate services.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Pond lane is a five bedded assessment and treatment unit situated in the Park Fields area of Wolverhampton. As a hospital site it is isolated from any of the other BCPFT services including In-patient provision. The service provides specialist assessment and treatment In-patient services to male and female adults with learning disabilities and additional complex health needs, such as autistic spectrum disorders, mental health difficulties and / or challenging behaviour.
- 2.2 Working with the Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group the Black Country Mental Health Partnership Trust wished to relocate the three Pond Lane In-patient beds to services provided at Dudley, Sandwell, and Wolverhampton. This will involve the closure of the three In-patient beds at Pond Lane. This action is required because the very low numbers of beds provided within the service are somewhat isolated from other Trust services and this raises environmental, clinical and staffing safety concerns which are impacting upon the delivery of the service to this very vulnerable group. A clinically safer and more viable service could be provided from the BCPFT Learning Disability In-patient services in Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall where other Wolverhampton patients are in receipt of In-patient services currently. All of these services are less isolated, provide a critical mass of service provision that offers clinically and environmentally safer services, and all are accessible by public transport.
- 2.3 In recent years Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group has reduced the level of commissioned activity at Pond Lane Hospital from five beds to three in line with reduced levels of demand for Wolverhampton patients. Reduction in bed numbers is in keeping with the “Transforming Care- national response to Winterbourne View” agenda which will require a reduction in bed based services for people with a learning disability and / or autism. The revenue from the reduced bed based capacity at Pond Lane is already being invested in an alternative community model which is delivering intensive support to patients and their families from Wolverhampton in their own homes. In addition to this local service development, Wolverhampton CCG is part of the Black Country Transforming Care Partnership which has developed and submitted a robust implementation plan to NHS England to deliver further service change and transformation over the next three years resulting in more community based services, including bespoke packages of care.

3.0 Progress

- 3.1 Wolverhampton is currently embedding a model of Intensive Community Support within its provision of specialist healthcare for adults with learning disabilities, in keeping with

the National Model. In 2016, there have been only three new admissions to inpatient services for adults with learning disabilities, all have needed short interventions before being discharged back to community services. The admissions have been for 4 days, 11 days and 8 weeks, with a focus on providing intensive support services at home for people as soon as it is safe and clinically appropriate to do so.

- 3.2 Since the launch of the Transforming Care Programme all admissions now have Care and Treatment Reviews as a central and regular monitor and driver of a person's care and treatment. These Care and Treatment Reviews have supported the clinical teams to ensure that people can access high-quality assessment and treatment in a hospital setting, staying no longer than they need to, and with discharge planning starting from the point of admission or before.
- 3.2 Formal consultation took place between 4th July 2016 and 22nd August 2016, following a period of pre-engagement. The full consultation report is attached to this report, in Appendix 1. The recommendations arising from the consultation centre on the need to consider transport and support families to be able to make appropriate arrangements when visiting their family member.
- 3.3 Following the outcome of the consultation, it was recommended to Wolverhampton CCG Commissioning Committee and Governing Body that Wolverhampton does not continue to offer a local inpatient service. This recommendation was formally agreed by the CCG on 8 November 2016.
- 3.4 It was recommended that through Care and Treatment Reviews, transport and family contact is considered on an individual basis, and with personalised leave and family contact arrangements being developed and reviewed in line with best practice, and supported financially where necessary by the CCG.

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 Reduction in bed based activity at Pond Lane in 15/16 and 16/17 has released investment for community based services. An Intensive Support Service model is now being embedded by BCPFT across Wolverhampton. This service will be reviewed at the end of January 2017 to consider its impact and outcomes, and to enable learning to be used across the Black Country as we consider a more collaborative approach in 2017/8. The remaining revenue invested in bed based services at Pond Lane will be used to purchase beds in the BCPFT in-patient services outlined in the table below

LOCATION	BCPFT HOSPITAL SITE
Dudley	The Ridge Hill Centre Brierley Hill Road Nr. Stourbridge West Midlands DY8 5ST
Sandwell	Penrose House Heath Lane Hospital Heath Lane West Bromwich B71 2BG
Walsall	Orchard Hills Fallowfield Road Walsall WS5 3DY

5.0 Legal implications

5.1 Both the Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group and the Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust had a legal duty to consult regarding this significant service change; this was undertaken jointly.

6.0 Equalities implications

6.1 Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 outlines the Public Sector Equality Duty to engage with relevant individuals regarding key decisions. This has been delivered.

7.0 Environmental implications

7.1 There are currently no environmental implications associated with this report.

8.0 Human resources implications

8.1 Staff were consulted as part of the consultation and management of change processes.

9.0 Corporate landlord implications

9.1 There are no corporate landlord implications arising from this report.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

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- 10.1 The Consultation report is attached in Appendix One.
- 10.2 The previous Health Scrutiny Report is attached in Appendix 2