

Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Board Meeting

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UPDATE ON PROGRESS TO CONSULT ON MODERNISING CLYDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Recommendation:

The Board:

- the Board note this progress report

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Independent Scrutiny Panel's (ISP) key findings associated with the proposed Clyde Mental Health Strategy were considered by the Board at the meeting on 18th December 2007. The Board approved progressing the proposals to formal public consultation. A number of outstanding issues were identified and work is underway to address these to inform the public consultation documentation and supporting papers. The outstanding issues are as follows:

- further clarity on the rationale for the determination of bed numbers and the ability of residual bed numbers to cope with fluctuating demand;
- refinement of the proposed mix of inpatient continuing care partnership beds and the range of community placements to support patient discharge;
- further clarity on the evidence base underpinning the proposed models of care;
- providing the public, service users, relatives and carers with a better understanding of the partnership bed model for continuing care;
- further analysis of the financial risks and best value of the movement in costs associated with the proposed independent sector partnership bed model.

2. OPTION APPRAISAL PROCESS

In addition, the ISP suggested that the qualitative option appraisal process be re run with a quantitative dimension to determine the best option for public consultation in respect of inpatient services for West Dunbartonshire. For consistency and

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transparency, it was decided to extend this option appraisal process to cover South Clyde inpatient services. An independent facilitator was appointed to manage this process and a series of events have since taken place to progress this work, attended by health service managers and clinicians, local authority officers, service user representatives and community representatives. The outcome and status of the various option appraisal events undertaken to date is as follows.

West Dunbartonshire Adult & Elderly Psychiatry Acute Assessment Beds

The option appraisal process is considering nine options, including options which seek to improve ward environments and medical cover arrangements. It will clarify the preferred option(s) and whether there is a feasible basis for meeting the preconditions of retaining services at the Vale of Leven Hospital. It is intended that the process will be complete by the end of January 2008.

South Clyde Adult & Elderly Psychiatry Acute Admission, ICU and Intensive Rehab beds

Two option appraisal events have been held. The outcome of these was consistent with recommendations contained within Clyde Mental Health Strategy submitted to Board in June 2007, ie:

- consolidation of Renfrewshire adult acute beds at Dykebar Hospital;
- retention of Renfrewshire elderly psychiatry acute admission beds at RAH;
- retention of Inverclyde adult and elderly psychiatry acute admission beds at IRH;
- developing intensive rehab beds within upgraded accommodation at Dykebar;
- locating South Clyde intensive psychiatric care unit beds (ICU) at IRH.

With regard to ICU beds, our favoured option of locating South Clyde ICU beds at Inverclyde Royal Hospital (within upgraded accommodation in the current short stay psychiatric unit), scored best in the numeric appraisal we will therefore consult on that recommended option.

The option appraisal process also considered the merits of consolidating all of East Renfrewshire's elderly psychiatry acute admission beds on the one hospital campus. This relatively small number of beds is currently split across Leverndale and RAH, with both hospital sites considered able to accommodate the required capacity. However, no definitive outcome emerged from the appraisal and further work and engagement will take place, led by East Renfrewshire CHCP, to determine a recommended option.

Clyde Addiction Beds

Two option appraisal events have been held. The outcome of these was consistent with recommendations contained within Clyde Mental Health Strategy submitted to Board in June 2007, ie, the development of a single inpatient service covering the catchment of South Clyde and South/West Glasgow, at Leverndale, with the current North/East Glasgow service at Stobhill to incorporate the North Clyde catchment.

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The Clyde Strategy previously identified the Southern General Hospital as the preferred location for the South Clyde and South/West Glasgow service. However, it was considered that the timescales associated with the Southern General Hospital development programme are such that the appraisal process required to consider alternative hospital accommodation that would be available in the short to medium term. The appraisal process concluded that Leverndale Hospital is the recommended option for locating this service.

3. PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

It is anticipated that outstanding work will be completed by the end of January which will enable a formal public consultation to commence in mid February 2008. In addition, to the elements which require formal consultation extensive community, service user, relative, carer and staff engagement will take place on the entirety of the Clyde Mental Health Strategy proposals.

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