

Local Members' Interest
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Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – 15th July 2019

George Bryan Centre Engagement Plans

Recommendation

1. To consider and comment on the information provided about the engagement plans for the two services formerly provided from the George Bryan Centre.

Report of Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Clinical Commissioning Groups and Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Summary

What is the Select Committee being asked to do and why?

2. The committee is being asked to receive an update on the George Bryan Centre and the engagement plans for designing the permanent solutions.

Report

Background

3. On 12th February 2019, a fire led to the destruction of the west wing of the George Bryan Centre in Tamworth.

4. The patients were transferred to St George's Hospital, Stafford. They moved to Milford Ward, which had been used as additional capacity for periods of high demand during winter.

The West Wing

5. The west wing was a 20 bed mixed sex 24 hour in-patient assessment, care and treatment ward for people who are in an acute state of mental illness. The average length of stay in the wing was 21 days.

6. The fire damaged wing has now been demolished and the building made safe and secure.

The East Wing

7. The East Wing was an assessment unit for people aged over 65, mostly with dementia.

8. With the West Wing empty, it made a safe response to medical and psychiatric emergencies on the East Wing very difficult.

9. In confidential session on 28th February 2019, the Board considered the quality and safety risks of having 12 vulnerable adults on an isolated site.

10. As a result, the Board agreed the following:

- East Wing will be closed to new admissions
- The patients be safely discharged
- The wing is temporarily closed pending a thorough and robust engagement exercise about the future service provision for the people of South Staffordshire.

Temporary alternative provision for people formerly on the East Wing

11. With the East Wing temporarily closed

- older adults (over 65) not requiring admission will be supported and cared for in their usual place of residence by enhancing existing teams
- older adults requiring acute mental health admission will be supported and cared for at St George's Hospital in Stafford.

Enhancing existing teams

12. The offer made by the existing community teams has been enhanced to enable older adults to remain in their usual place of residence. This includes

- Enhanced crisis home treatments with skilled, experienced older adult specialists for South Staffordshire residents
- Addition of a nursing/therapy lead
- New clinical psychologist to focus on older adults
- A training plan for the team, which has been benchmarked nationally to ensure best quality care and then interventions prioritised according to evidence of outcomes for service users

13. The focus of the team is on prevention and admission avoidance.

Finding a permanent solution for the two services

14. A group has been set up to plan the engagement that will design the permanent solution for the two services

- 24 hour in-patient assessment, care and treatment for people who are in an acute state of mental illness (working age adults, mixed sex).
- older person's assessment service (over 65).

15. The group includes a service user who has inpatient experience of both the George Bryan Centre and St George's, a staff member who worked at the George Bryan Centre

who is temporarily working at St George's, representatives from the League of Friends of the Tamworth Hospitals and staff from Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

Target audience

16. The target audience for the engagement is

- people who have used the George Bryan Centre in the last two years
- family/carers of people who have used the George Bryan Centre in the last two years
- those who live in East Staffordshire Borough, Lichfield District and Tamworth Borough who have been admitted to St George's during the same time period.

Engaging the community

17. We will reach out to local charities, groups and organisations during July and August that have an interest in the two services.

18. We will also reach out to current inpatients who have previously been inpatients at the George Bryan Centre.

Events

19. It is proposed to hold at least four engagement events, two in Tamworth and one each in Lichfield and Burton. While the target audience remains as identified, the events will be open to all residents of the district and boroughs.

20. Provisional dates had been identified for July, but delays in securing a venue mean there will be limited time to promote the events. So, there is a recommendation that these now take place in September. August is being avoided because of holidays.

21. People will be asked to book a place at the events so that we can ensure everyone interested can be accommodated. Additional events will be organised if demand exceeds capacity.

Citizens Jury

22. An independent organisation will be invited to host a citizens jury based on the same principles as a court jury, 12 independent men and women.

23. The jury will receive the outputs of the engagement exercise and will make recommendations to the MPFT Board.

Relationship with Together We're Better

24. Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent's Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) is currently undertaking listening events relating to a number of different areas of health that need to be transformed. This includes mental health.

25. The George Bryan Centre engagement is a piece of targeted engagement being led by Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and will be received by the STP as part of their broader engagement.

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