

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

HEALTH AND ADULT CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 2 JULY 2015

CASTLE LODGE IN-PATIENT PROVISION

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1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The paper provides details of the process, outcomes and response to the public consultation on the proposed future options for the inpatient provision based at Castle Lodge in Telford.

Castle Lodge is situated in a residential area of Dawley in Telford and was set up as a community based facility for people from Telford and Wrekin who suffer from mental health problems. The facility was established in January 2004 as a 12 nurse led unit with limited medical input; the building is also a base for the Telford and Wrekin Crisis Resolution and Home Treatment team as well as the Criminal Justice Liaison Service team.

The new facilities at The Redwoods Centre and the subsequent investment in Crisis Resolution, Home Treatment and Community Mental Health teams has resulted in the inpatient facility at Castle Lodge (for the purpose that it was established) becoming increasingly underused, as more people were supported in their own homes as opposed to a secondary care hospital based facility.

A clinical review of care in the latter half of 2013 found that, from its origin as a nurse run unit with carefully selected patients who could be safely and appropriately transferred or admitted there, the unit started to provide for patients with a markedly different range of clinical presentations, needs and behaviours. Through no fault of their own, but as a relatively isolated unit, staff were increasingly unable to adequately, consistently or safely address the needs of those admitted and clinical issues and concerns became evident. The unit was therefore temporarily closed to admissions in September 2013 and a formal public consultation regarding the future use of the inpatient bed provision was undertaken commencing on 1 December 2014 and closing on 6 February 2015.

The attached paper gives further details about the process of engagement and consultation and the comments received as a result of the consultation. The consultation process was well advertised and promoted, leading to a positive turnout at events meetings and a good level of response when compared to other similar NHS consultations.

Four main themes emerged from the consultation, these were as follows:

- More effective integration of care
- Local services for local people
- Service gap between acute inpatient and community support
- Local engagement with residents on future options for use of Castle Lodge site

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Committee to note the process of consultation undertaken.
- To note the recommendation for the closure of the Inpatient beds at Castle Lodge.
- To support the Commissioning review by Telford & Wrekin CCG and Council.

3.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Minutes of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group meeting held on 23 September 2013
- Minutes of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 24 March 2014
- Minutes of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 29 September 2014

4.0 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

To be tabled at meeting.

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Castle Lodge, as an inpatient facility, is not fit for purpose. The bedrooms do not have en-suites, the fabric of the building is old and requires substantial investment to ensure it is fit for modern day use and recent ligature risk assessments highlighted that major work was required to ensure that safety standards were met.

6.0 LEGAL

None.

7.0 OPPORTUNITIES & RISKS

As a result of the closure of the nurse led beds, a further and detailed debate will need to take place about the pathway for crisis care for individuals who have relapsed, which can be part of the work being led by the CCG and Local Authority.

8.0 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Although Castle Lodge is in Dawley, all residents from Telford who require bed based services will be provided for in The Redwoods Centre. However, it is worthy to note that this has always been the case since the consultation leading to the modernisation of mental health services within Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin.

9.0 REPORT

Report attached.

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