



Review of Mental Health Services in West Sussex

Report by the Executive Head of Corporate Strategy

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the details of a review of mental health services in West Sussex by NHS West Sussex and Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust who have set out proposals to improve mental health services in West Sussex which aim to provide the right balance between hospital-based inpatient mental health care and services provided outside of hospital. A Public Consultation on the review of mental health services took place between 8 March and 8 June 2010 and whilst that consultation has expired NHS West Sussex and the Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust would still welcome views from the Council. This matter is being considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and it is expected that a representative from these organisations will attend the Committee to give a brief overview of the proposals. A copy of the consultation document has been sent to the Leader with this report.
- 1.2 The Leader and the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has also been contacted by the Chairman of the West Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) inviting the views of key local stakeholders which includes District and Borough Councils in West Sussex. HOSC have set up a Task Force to consider the proposals and the HOSC Task Force will advise the HOSC on its response to the review of mental health services.
- 1.3 The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and another Member have requested that the Committee gives consideration to the proposals for mental health services to ensure that the Council's views can be presented to NHS West Sussex and the Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. In accordance with the delegated Executive provisions for the Council the Leader will need to consider any views from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee before forwarding any comments to NHS West Sussex, the Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and/or the HOSC Task Force. The Council's representative on the HOSC will also have the opportunity to forward comments to HOSC when considering its response on these proposals.

2.0 Background and Proposals for the review of Mental health Services

2.1 NHS West Sussex and the Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust have recently been undertaking a public consultation on the mental health services which it provides in line with their aims to provide mental health services which offer real choice to the people who use them, support them in their recovery and enable them to maintain well being.

2.2 The proposals in the review are about continuing to improve NHS community services, reducing the overall number of mental health hospital beds for adults and for older people, in line with future needs and suggesting where those beds should best be located in the future.

2.3 The proposals contained in the consultation are intended to improve the range and performance of community mental health services and to introduce standards to make sure that those improvements are measured. Once those changes are in place it is proposed that the number of inpatient mental health beds are reduced from 217 to 162. Two options have been examined to achieve this aim which relate to the following services and the detail of the options are set out on Pages 21 and 22 of the consultation document:-

- Chichester Harold Kidd Unit and the two wards there for older people – No changes are proposed;
- Chichester, Centurion Unit and the two wards there for adults of working age - Option 1 proposes removing one 15 bed unit from the Centurion site as does Option2;
- Crawley Hospital, Dove ward for older people – Option 1 proposes removing the 12 bed Dove ward at Crawley Hospital;
- Crawley, Langley Green Hospital, wards for adults of working age – No changes are proposed;
- Haywards Heath, Princess Royal Hospital , Clayton ward for older people – Option 1 proposes the removal of the 18 bed Clayton Ward as does Option 2;
- Horsham Hospital, Iris Ward for older people – Option 2 proposes the removal of the 12 bed Iris Ward;
- Worthing, Meadowfield and Salvington Lodge wards for adults of working age and older people – Options 1 and 2 do not propose any changes to these wards and inpatient beds will be provided as two 16 bed wards, one 18 bed ward and one 14-18 bed ward and three of the wards will be for adults and one for dementia.

- 2.4 The reduction in beds, if agreed, will take place in stages to match the phased introduction of new or enhanced community services in West Sussex.
- 2.5 The proposal/options mean that there will be a reduction in the presence of wards in some local hospitals, however, it appears that there will be no reduction in the presence locally in either Adur or Worthing. In Worthing Meadowfield/Salvington Lodge will continue to provide two 16 bed wards, one 18 bed ward, one 14-18 bed ward and three of those would be adult wards and one for dementia.
- 2.6 On that basis the Leader may consider it inappropriate to make any representations on the proposals but it is not possible to safely assess if any Adur and Worthing residents use any of the mental health services/inpatient beds which would be removed and users of the services to be removed may need to travel further to receive inpatient care from other areas. Option 2 also proposes removing Iris Ward at Horsham Hospital which is a well laid out and equipped dementia care unit.
- 2.7 The HOSC Task Force is also seeking responses to the following and it would be helpful if the Leader could address those points as well:-
- Whether the Leader supports the overall vision for future mental health services, as set out in the consultation document;
 - Whether the Leader supports the proposal to gradually reduce the number of inpatient mental health beds in West Sussex alongside an increase in the range, capacity and performance of community mental health services;
 - The Leader's views on the specific options set out in the consultation document; and
 - Any concerns that the Leader has regarding the proposals and/or the public consultation process

3.0 Legal

- 3.1 Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 permits the Council to do anything which it considers is likely to achieve the promotional improvement of the economic, social or environmental wellbeing of the area.
- 3.2 Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 gives the Council power to do anything (whether or not involving the expenditure, borrowing or lending of money or the acquisition or disposal of any property or rights) which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of their functions. This would include responding to consultation.

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no significant financial implications for this Council from the proposals included in this report.

5.0 Recommendation

- 5.1 That the Leader considers the proposals for the review of mental health services in West Sussex and any views from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and considers if he would like to pass any comments onto the NHS West Sussex and Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trusts and/or the HOSC Task Force.**

Local Government Act 1972

Background Papers:

Public consultation document on mental health services in West Sussex
Letter from Chairman of HOSC to Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Leader – 20 May 2010

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Schedule of other matters

1.0 Council Priority

1.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

2.0 Specific Action Plans

2.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

3.0 Sustainability Issues

3.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

4.0 Equality Issues

4.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

5.0 Community Safety issues (Section 17)

5.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

6.0 Human Rights Issues

6.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

7.0 Reputation

7.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

8.0 Consultations

8.1 Matter considered. and no issues identified.

9.0 Risk assessment

9.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

10.0 Health & Safety Issues

10.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

11.0 Procurement Strategy

11.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

12.0 Partnership working

12.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.