

TEES, ESK AND WEAR VALLEYS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST: ADULT LEARNING DISABILITY RESPITE SERVICES UPDATE

Summary

The Committee will receive an update on the current situation regarding the Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) adult learning disability respite provision.

Detail

1. The last update on these services was considered by the Committee in December 2021.

- **January 2020:** CQC inspection resulting in a 'must do' action relating to compliance with the Mixed Sex Accommodation (MSA) regulation
- **March 2020:** Temporary closure of day and respite services in response to initial outbreak of Covid-19. Outreach service formed
- **Sept 2020 – Sept 2021:** The project group discussed all service options and it was agreed that a revised service was delivered that offered up to a maximum of 6 beds across the two sites (11 to 6 beds respite) due to further covid waves and staffing constraints
- **Current state:** As agreed with the project group, both units are open and offering a combined 6 places at any one time which is at reduced service capacity but means we can meet both the Infection Prevention Control (IPC) and the Mixed Sex Accommodation (MSA) regulations. Workforce challenges continue in line with all other health and social care provision.
- **Future state:** The initial set of architect plans have been received exploring 4 options; remodel existing building, new build and use of two other TEWV estates. Further actions required with the view to review January 2022.
- **Family Carers:** remain engaged through frequent project group meetings, direct contact and regular updates. Representatives sit on the project group.



Following the update, reference was made to email correspondence received by the then Chair from a parent / carer of a patient in receipt of the respite service. The email stated that, until the architect's plans could be actioned, patients were in receipt of a reduced service; 24 days respite in place of 33 days, as previously agreed. In response, it was acknowledged that it had been extremely difficult for the families and they were very much involved in the project. Efforts were being made to move the project on as quickly as possible.

2. Representatives from TEWV are scheduled to be in attendance at this meeting to provide Members with an update on these services. A presentation has been prepared and can be found at **Appendix 1**.

Name of Contact Officer: Gary Woods

Post Title: Senior Scrutiny Officer, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

Telephone No: 01642 526187

Email Address: gary.woods@stockton.gov.uk