

## **Functional Older Adult Ward**

### **Proposed service move from London Road Community Hospital to Kingsway Hospital**

#### **Overview summary**

#### **Background**

Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (DHcFT) provides a range of inpatient services at hospitals throughout Derbyshire. Inpatient services for older people in Derby are currently split across two sites:

- Kingsway Hospital – which offers specialist inpatient Dementia care (also called *organic* mental illness)
- London Road Community Hospital – which offers specialist inpatient care for people over 65 who have a *functional* mental illness (for example depression, schizophrenia, mood disorders, anxiety or wider mental health diagnosis other than dementia).

The inpatient services for older people with functional mental health conditions are currently provided on Ward 1 London Road Community Hospital, in Derby City Centre. The ward has been adapted so that it can be used to provide mental health care and is leased from University Hospitals of Derby and Burton (UHDB) who own the London Road Community Hospital site.

The inpatient service for older people over 65 for organic mental illness (such as dementia) are provided in purpose built mental health facilities on the Kingsway Hospital site in Derby.

There are a number of people who will have both an organic and functional mental health diagnosis. These people could be supported through either service, depending on the nature of each individual's clinical needs.

During 2016, investment was made to support a greater number of older people within their home environment. Home treatment provides a better patient experience and can reduce any confusion or disorientation that can be created when older people stay in hospital. It is also the direction of travel in terms of health policy and local planning to focus attention on alternatives to bedded care.

Due to the success of this development, the number of people who needed inpatient care on Ward 1 or Ward 2 started to reduce.

Given this, the service took the decision to stop using part of Ward 2 and temporarily move a number of clinical staff into the community to support older people with functional illness in their own homes or places they called home. The service is called the In-reach and Home Treatment Team (IRHTT). The new service is now able to support more and more people in their own homes to prevent admissions to hospital being required, through the offer of intensive support at times of crisis or changes in circumstances, linking in with other services in the community for older people.

The new service was so successful in reducing the number of admissions and the occupancy levels on the ward to the extent that in January 2017 the decision was made to temporarily close Ward 2 and move the rest of the ward-based staff team into the IRHTT.

### **Rationale for the proposal to move the service to Kingsway Hospital**

- **The estate** - The current estate from which the Ward 1 service operates is a community hospital ward, built in the 1980s, which has been specially adapted for use for mental health inpatient services. It is currently fully compliant with the legislative requirements of a mental health inpatient facility.

The ward facilities at Kingsway Hospital were purpose built as mental health inpatient facilities in 2009. The proposed location of the ward would be on the current Tissington Ward. The work required to make this facility fully compliant with the new single-bed requirements is much less than is required on the current Ward 1.

Tissington House benefits from a therapeutic, green environment, with a number of wider facilities being available on the hospital site including a restaurant, patient bank and multi-faith chapel. The hospital is in short walking distance to the Kingsway Retail Park.

- **Clinical benefits** - Since the temporary closure of Ward 2, the Older People's Functional Illness inpatient service has been geographically isolated from the other mental health inpatient services covering the City and Southern Derbyshire, at Kingsway Hospital and in the Radbourne Unit on the Royal Derby Hospital site.

This proposed move would see the service relocated to Tissington Ward, which is close to the two Cubley Court Units, where Older People's Organic Illness inpatient services are already provided. There are a number of clinical benefits from basing these services close to each other, from the perspective of joint training for staff, greater staffing resilience across the new units and the sharing of

expertise and best practice across a small site.

The majority of the Kingsway Hospital site has been completely rebuilt and redeveloped in 2009-10. As such, the inpatient areas, including those proposed for the relocated service, are in a purpose built environment for mental health services. The atmosphere is calm, with open access to green spaces and landscaped gardens. This therapeutic environment would be almost impossible to recreate in a firmly urban environment like London Road.

## **Public consultation**

A public consultation on the proposed move is planned to take place at the earliest opportunity in March 2020, subject to the governance process and final approval from the CCG Governing Body.

The timescale is significant on the basis that, if the findings of the consultation result in a recommendation to relocate the ward and if this recommendation is approved, it is important that the transfer of patients takes place prior to winter as we know that movements during winter can be more difficult from a patient perspective. The draft consultation plan is appended to this overview and is based upon two key points:

1. This is a single option proposal based upon the fact that this is the only viable solution that offers the range of benefits outlined including single room provision. The “do nothing” option would result in the service staying in the current location and this would not achieve the improvements in service user experience which form the basis of this proposal.
2. Given that this service is specific to a small number of current service users, their families, carers, partners and stakeholders and that the service itself will continue to be provided in the future from a different location, it is proposed that the consultation should be delivered intensively over a 60 day period

## **Next steps**

There is a robust governance process integral to the plan which will provide assurance from clinical and process perspectives. The Committee is requested to provide their feedback on the consultation plan and will be fed into the process. The CCG Governing Body will be asked for their permission to launch the consultation at their meeting on 5 March 2020. Subject to their approval the detailed action plan will be finalised and this will include the channels for the consultation such as face to face meetings, events, online and offline surveys and a range of other opportunities to comment. The consultation will then be launched and a progress update will be provided to the Committee (at a time to be agreed) as part of the overall process.