

DUNFERMLINE & WEST FIFE CHP – FIFE LEARNING DISABILITIES SERVICE

9TH JULY 2009

UPDATE – ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT UNIT

1 Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to update D&WFCHP Committee on the continuing work in relation to the Assessment and Treatment Unit.

2 Background

The Learning Disability Service is a Fife-wide service managed under the Dunfermline and West Fife Community Health Partnership. As a result of the closure of long stay beds/wards the current admission facility is not appropriate to provide effective care; patient admissions will present with mental health and/or challenging behaviour and the environment will require flexible accommodation to meet the diverse needs of patients.

These 14 beds will ensure that adults with a learning disability and mental health problems and/or challenging behaviour receive specialist assessment and appropriate treatment as close to home as possible, with admission to hospital only when essential.

Both Project Board and Team are well established and work is ongoing.

Following technical difficulties with the proposed refurbishment of Robert Henryson School, it was agreed that the Service progress with a new build on the same site.

Gardiner and Theobald Consultants provide project management and full design services to the Unit.

3 Progress to date

- 3.1 Planning approval received without any onerous conditions (January 2009)
- 3.2 Following tendering process, McLaughlin and Harvey appointed May 2009. Commenced on site 29/06/09.
- 3.3 Practical completion scheduled 02/04/2010
- 3.4 Building operational – 23/04/2010
- 3.5 Workshops held which focused on:
 - Infection Control
 - Risk Management (Risk Register)
 - AEDET
- 3.6 Design/Room Data Sheets/Room Layouts completed

- 3.7 Internal finishes, colours, etc approved.
- 3.8 Ironmongery, lighting and sanitary ware agreed.
- 3.9 Furniture and Equipment – initially outlined to provide costing information.
- 3.10 Workforce Planning Group
 - Paper approved by Project Board December 2008).
- 3.11 Recruitment Group
 - Senior Charge Nurse – Susan Welsh appointed to post.
 - Advertising campaign ongoing.
 - Recruitment and retention remain an identified risk and are recorded on the NHS Fife Risk Register.
 - Staff questionnaire undertaken in relation to current staff to ascertain preferences of work area.
- 3.12 PFPI (in relation to both the Assessment & Treatment Unit and Regional LD Unit)
 - 2006 - Service User and Relative Carer Involvement and Open Event
 - 2008 - 'Patient Focus Group Report' (re Regional LD Unit)
 - Ongoing - PFPI Lead (D. Hathaway) is working 2 days per week for the Fife LD Service.
 - A regular evening weekly meeting (facilitated by D. Hathaway) is held which is attended by patients and staff.
 - The above group was instrumental in organising the process of naming of both Units: Assessment and Treatment Unit name has now been confirmed as "*Mayfield*".
- 3.13 Facilitated Workshops
 - A series of workshops continue looking specifically at philosophy, guiding principles, and action planning of this.
- 3.14 Integrated Care Pathways
 - Work continues on the development of the action plan.
 - Staff awareness training has been carried out and further implementation training is being developed.
 - Awareness training for service users and carers is currently being developed.
- 3.15 Communication Strategy
 - Communication Strategy in place
 - D&WF CHP Lynebank Newsletter – quarterly newsletter continues
 - Local Staff Briefings – continue
- 3.16 Garden Design
 - Scottish Agricultural College Students will be involved in developing the garden design as part of their Horticultural Course.

4 Resource Implications

Capital is progressing in accordance with budget plan outlined in business case.
Revenue - the service is working towards redesigning the service in line with the financial framework outlined in the business case.

5 Recommendations

D&WFCHP Committee is asked to note above progress and information.

Patricia Colville
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