

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee **Health Overview And Scrutiny Committee**

Date of Committee **05 September 2007**

Report Title **Mental Health Panel - Phase II
Recommendations**

Summary The Committee to receive a response from Sandy Taylor, Chief Executive, Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust, to the recommendations contained in the Mental Health Panel - Phase II report. Copy letter from Sandy Taylor attached.

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Dear Alwin

Sincere apologies. It had not registered with me a formal response was required. If further information is required, please let me know.

Recommendation 18.3

1. Local Emphasis The management structure for the Partnership Trust does 2 things:
 1. Maintains local access and emphasis (at locality team level)
 2. Allows for Trust wide leadership of key clinical area e.g. crisis intervention, assertive outreach and early intervention

Appointments to middle manager posts have not yet been completed but on completion will demonstrate a local focus has been maintained.

2. As in 1 above local focus will be maintained, but in terms of very specialised services e.g. eating disorders, personality disorders a “pan” Trust approach will benefit both Warwickshire and Coventry.
3. We look forward to participating fully in the development of Local Area Agreements and the Local Authority can be assured of our full support and co-operation.
4. The larger Trust will prove positive in terms of recruitment and retention. Already this has been demonstrated in the selection for the post of Old Age Psychiatrists, Rugby – with 11 applicants – 7 short listed – 5 interviewed – are a difficult choice for appointment panel in selecting best candidate.
5. The reconfiguration board did include staff responsibilities and we are continuing to use the Joint Staff Consolidation and Negotiating Committee as one of the major committees within the Trust.
6. Joint Commissioning – a commissioners issue but the Trust supports the development of joint commissioning arrangements.

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7. The Trust's services are designed on a "tiered, stepped care model" which will enable us to respond to difficult levels of commissioners.
8. Through C.P.A and single assessment process continuity has been maintained throughout the transition.
9. Business cases have been approved for increase in specialist services at Brooklands
 - 4 additional medium secure places
 - 5 additional forensic beds
 - 5 additional young people places

In addition, in response to a competitive tendering process, Mental Health Strategies are looking in detail at the future of the Lea Castle Centre (Kidderminster) with a view to assessing its capacity to provide an extended range of specialist services. This will be considered alongside the opportunity for further development at Brooklands but in the final analysis on either or both sites specialist provision will increase.

10. Eating Disorders – 2 additional places have already been commissioned at Woodleigh Beeches. A business case will be considered by the end of the 2007/08 financial year to further extend this service.

Work is also on going to better define the service model for eating disorders.

11. The use of libraries, particularly to provide "Bibliotherapy" is in place in other parts of the County.
Under the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies induction the Trust would wish to see the development of computerised psychological therapies as well as Bibliotherapy.

A business case will be presented to commissioners for 2008/09 plenary year.

Recommendation 18.10

Progress Report – A formal report will be forwarded by end of 2007. It would be particularly helpful if colleagues and myself were able to present this report to OSC.

Regards

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