

HEALTH & WELLBEING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 31

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Mental Health Beds Update (September 2012)		
Date of Meeting:	11 September 2012		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report provides an update on monitoring of the temporary reduction of in-patient mental health beds at Mill View hospital.
- 1.2 **Appendix 1** to this report contains information, supplied by Brighton & Hove Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), relating to the ongoing work of the independent Clinical Taskforce established to monitor the impact of the temporary bed reductions.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Health & Wellbeing Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers and comments on this report and its appendix.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SPFT), acting in agreement with Brighton & Hove Clinical Commissioning Group, plans to reduce its acute mental health bed capacity in Brighton & Hove by around 18 beds; arguing that more effective community mental health services, coupled with more efficient discharge planning, will mean that it can provide a better quality service to local people with fewer acute beds.
- 3.2 Aspects of this plan have been presented both to the Brighton & Hove Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) and to the Health and Wellbeing Overview & Scrutiny Committee (HWOSC) on several occasions.

3.3 The HOSC was updated on the work of the Clinical Taskforce at its 21 March and 09 May 2012 meetings, the HWOSC received updates on 12 June and 24 July 2012. On all occasions members were informed that the Taskforce's targets had not been attained. At the July meeting, the HWOSC was informed that the clinical decision was , despite this consistent failure to hit targets, to maintain the bed closures and to further invest in community services.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

4.1 None has been undertaken in compiling this update.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

5.1 None to this update – members are not being asked to make any decision which might have financial implications.

Legal Implications:

5.2 None to this update

Equalities Implications:

5.3 None to this update

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 None to this update

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 None to this update

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None to this update

Public Health Implications:

5.7 None to this update

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.8 None to this update

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 At some point, should performance continue to be below target, the HWOSC may wish to reconsider its approval of the temporary bed closure at Mill View hospital – i.e. should it become evident that there is no realistic prospect in the short term of SPFT managing with fewer local beds without impacting on the level of care provided to local people.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 This is an ongoing issue which the Council's statutory health scrutiny committee has been monitoring for some time. As the HWOSC is assuming statutory health scrutiny responsibilities, it makes sense for it to continue its predecessor's activities in this important area.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Mental Health Acute Beds - September Update from the CCG.
2. Mental Health Acute Beds - June Update from the CCG

Documents in Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

None

