

Mental Health Acute Beds

HWOSC Update - May 2013

1. Purpose of the Paper

The purpose of this paper is to update the HWOSC regarding the investment in community mental health services to support the acute bed reductions programme.

2. Background

Previous papers have described the rationale for the proposals. The last report to the HWOSC was in April 2013.

3. Update on Investment in Community Services

3.1 Crisis Resolution Home Treatment Team. All additional posts have been filled and the Clinical Review Group is monitoring the impact of the additional resources in terms of ability to provide more care in the community.

3.2 Investment in Additional Care Co-ordinators. Five out of the seven additional posts have been filled. The two posts that are still vacant will be re-advertised in the near future.

3.3 Enhanced Brighton Urgent Response Service. This new service providing a 24/7 urgent response started on 14 January. A full evaluation of the service will be carried out in the summer.

3.4 New Accommodation Support Services

The CCG has awarded two new contracts to provide accommodation support for people with mental health needs. A total of 50 units of accommodation will be provided by Brighton Housing Trust and Sanctuary Housing Association and it is anticipated that this increased capacity will help prevent unnecessary delays in terms of discharge from hospital.

3.5 New Day Centre for People with Personality Disorder. The Lighthouse Day Centre based in Hove is planned to open on 20 May. This new day centre will provide intensive support in the community that is anticipated will help prevent unnecessary admissions to hospital.

4. Update on Performance - Access to Acute Mental Health Beds.

The latest data (January to March 2013) shows that 94% of people have been able to access a bed within the City which is very near the 95% target. Performance has been at this level for the last two quarters. Due

to the relatively small numbers of admissions, fluctuations in terms of numbers of Brighton and Hove residents admitted out of area occur on a weekly basis. Over the last year the range has been from zero to 12 residents.

5. Summary

The beds have been closed on a temporary basis for 16 months (since January 2012). The system has on the whole managed well with less beds and the overall position in terms of people being able to access beds in the City was 94% over the most recent quarter. It should be noted that this improvement has been made prior to the additional community investment taking effect and this provides confidence that the once the new services associated with the investment are fully in place the system will be able to operate safely and effectively. The Clinical Review Group will closely monitor the impact of the new investment on the agreed metrics, and will also review qualitative feedback from clinicians and patients. We anticipate being able to bring a full report recommending whether the system is safe for the beds to be closed on a permanent basis to the July HWOSC meeting.