

Solent NHS Trust Update to Portsmouth City Council Overview and Scrutiny Panel

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Phase 2 St Mary's Hospital

As part of the strategic estates plans for health and social care provision in Portsmouth, services will continue to move from the St James Hospital Site to purpose built facilities at Block B, St Mary's Hospital. Services that will relocate to St Mary's include: Older Persons Mental Health Community Teams, Physiotherapy and outpatient therapies facilities. Pharmacy Services at St Mary's will also benefit from an upgrade to allow better receipt of deliveries and enhances patient consultation areas. Facilitating the moves will require an extensive redevelopment of Block B at St Mary's, which is currently largely vacant, but not fit for future purposes.

Solent NHS Trust made a £10.3million bid to Department of Health for "Wave 1" STP Capital Grant money early in 2016/17, but was unsuccessful. A new bid has been submitted to the "Wave 2" fund for the same amount, which if approved will lead to work commencing from Spring 2018, lasting for around 12 months. In the interim, whilst the decision about "Wave 2 funding" is pending; Solent NHS Trust has applied for a loan to NHS Improvement to begin work on the St Mary's Block B site.

CQC Inspections Update

Following the CQC comprehensive inspection in June 2016: CQC has undertaken follow up visits in the Summer and Autumn of 2017 to service areas where specific improvements were required. Children and Young People's Mental Health Services were re-inspected and re-rated as "Good". Substance Misuse Services were also re-rated as "Good". The results of these inspections can now be viewed on the CQC website.

In September 2017, CQC published their "Review of health services for Children Looked After and Safeguarding in Portsmouth". This was a system-wide assessment of services provided to Looked After Children and their families and of Safeguarding services and standards. The review covered Portsmouth Hospitals Trust, Portsmouth City Council, Society of St James and Portsmouth CCG. CQC made service specific recommendations for improvement – 8 of which were for services provided or partly provided by Solent. There were another 6 recommendations for services, led by other organisations to which Solent will make a contribution to the improvement action. An action plan has been completed and there are no risks to the completion of any actions.

CQC also made a follow-up visit to two special schools in Portsmouth - Mary Rose and Rosewood - that are supported by Solent NHS Trust staff. They noted improvements to prescribing, medicine management and record keeping practice – singling out Rosewood especially for its high standard of care planning. This inspection was not intended to produce a formal re-rating for these services; focussing only on the “Safe” domain. CQC have issued a letter to Solent detailing their findings, which we are responding to by updating our Action Plans for these services.

Kite

The Kite Unit is a small community ward, based at the St James Hospital site that specialises in the rehabilitation of Acquired Brain Injury, specifically where this is associated with challenging behaviour. Kite is commissioned by CCGs across Hampshire as part of a brain injury pathway and was moved to the St James site, from Knowle Hospital – Fareham, when that site was redeveloped. In January; the Kite Unit will be relocated to Western Hospital in Southampton to be on the same site as the other Hampshire-wide neurological unit – Snowdon. This will help patients benefit from a concentration of neurological rehabilitation expertise at a single location.

CQC National Review of Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents

At the end of September 2017, CQC published a national review into the quality and responsiveness of mental health services provided for children and adolescents. A particular finding was that waiting lists for specialist CAMHS were often long and that pathways between services were often fragmented and difficult to navigate. The CQC Inspection of Solent CAMHS reflected the national trend, with long waiting times to access Cognitive Behaviour Therapy and Autism assessments a particular issue. Although the CAMHS service in Portsmouth reviewed its care pathways, staff deployment and therapy offer, since the initial inspection; the rate of referrals to CAMHS in the city continued to rise resulting in only modest improvements in waiting times by re-inspection in August 2017. The service was however rated as “Good” in Safe and Effective domains and rated “Outstanding” for Caring by CQC. Work on internal team processes has continued, however and Portsmouth CAMHS now have the shortest referral to treatment times in England and all patients requiring treatment at specialist CAMHS level are now able to commence within 18 weeks of referral.

Trust Financial Position and Forecast

All NHS Organisations have to agree an annual financial “control total” with NHS Improvement, as part of the single oversight framework. The control total is the amount of surplus, or deficit that an organisation is expected to achieve at year end.

Solent NHS Trust and NHSI agreed a year end forecast position of £1.5 million deficit, which Solent is on course to achieve.

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