

HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel held on Thursday 18 July 2019 at 11.30am in the Guildhall.

Present

Councillor Chris Attwell (Chair)
Gemma New
Graham Heaney
Leo Madden
Vivian Achwal
Arthur Agate

28. Welcome and Apologies for Absence (AI 1)

Apologies had been received from Councillors Trevor Cartwright, Marge Harvey, Hugh Mason, Philip Raffaelli and Rosy Raines.

29. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)

No declarations of interests were made.

30. Proposals for Jubilee House (AI 3)

Sarah Austin, Chief Operating Officer, Solent NHS Trust introduced the report that had been circulated with the agenda and asked the panel to note the following points:

The paper had been amended in light of feedback from the panel before being published.

Most patients are from Portsmouth and will move on to another service or go home.

The staff have a reputation for providing compassionate care. It is hoped that every member of staff will journey forward with us.

The building is not fit for purpose now because the way care is delivered has changed.

The panel has had the opportunity to visit Jubilee House.

The patients receive end of life care not hospice care.

There are three groups of patients each requiring a different approach:

- The first group receive end of life care. This has reduced to less than 20% as more patients chose to be at home.
- The second group comprises patients who move on to long term residential placements e.g. nursing or care homes which can provide more stimulation and whole person assessments.
- The third group comprises patients who move back home.

The proposed service at the new location would encourage rehabilitation with a gym and activities provided. Patients would be encouraged to move around the facility but observation would be easier.

Discussion had taken place informally with the panel before staff engagement commenced.

The detailed planning would not commence before approval had been given by the HOSP.

In response to questions, she explained that:

Jubilee House has not been used for respite care for a long time. Short term care home placements are used for respite. This provides an opportunity for thinking time for the patients and their families and for assessments to be carried out. This is particularly important for patients with dementia.

End of life care would still be provided for patients at the new Jubilee House if required. If patients have complex or distressing symptoms of end of life they would stay at the Rowans Hospice.

No patients would be moved from Jubilee House during their admission if there is no clinical need. The closure would be as natural as possible with beds not being filled.

Jubilee House is only suitable for patients with mild dementia. Those with more complex dementia needs are supported by the Limes.

The aim is to maintain the overall number of staff. However, a change of the skills mix would be required for the new model and so more registered staff would be recruited. The new Jubilee House would need 11 and Harry Sotnick House if used, 14. Other colleagues would be redeployed elsewhere.

The new Jubilee House building will be more modern. It is expected that running costs would be lower.

Solent NHS Trust spoke to Healthwatch Portsmouth after its informal meeting with the HOSP.

Feedback from staff and service users and carers has been taken into account when considering the new service.

The current Jubilee House site and land is owned by the trust. There would be an opportunity to dispose of the land with a focus on social value. Her preference would be for another health care facility to open on this site but clearly that is a matter for the trust and the planning authorities. Discussions would take place with Health care partners, the Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel, Ward Councillors and Healthwatch Portsmouth.

It is anticipated that there would be fewer delays because the new site would have rooms and bays and so could be more flexible particularly with regard to the separation of men and women patients.

A number of performance indicators are currently used. It is important that the changes do not cause delays for patients leaving hospital or increase the number of people needing long term residential care. The length of stay at the new Jubilee House would be closely monitored.

She has been assured that there is adequate space close to Spinnaker Ward for the beds transferring. It is not possible to confirm that until the detailed plans are in place. Partition walls could be installed and windows moved if necessary.

Quality Impact Assessments would be carried out and all the normal building and regulatory standards would be adhered to.

It is important that new services are up and running before Winter in order to avoid any problems at QA Hospital and elsewhere.

If agreed by this panel, the proposals would be considered by the trust's Executive at the end of the following week.

Members noted that they were very happy with the report and the proposals.

Actions

- The panel's thanks to all the staff involved in the visits be passed on.
- A link to the trust's Executive report papers be sent to the panel.

RESOLVED that the panel is satisfied in principle with the plans brought before it and would welcome further details to be brought to this panel in September.

The meeting ended at 12.30pm.

Councillor Chris Attwell
Chair