

TO: 2gether NHS Foundation Trust Board

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SUBJECT: South West Strategic Health Authority Review of Services.

PURPOSE

The Southwest Strategic Health Authority (SHA) has been reviewing NHS services across the Southwest as part of the national review of NHS services lead by Lord Ara Darzi. The results of the review and the plan for the future direction of services has been published in draft for consultation and is attached to this report.

This report introduces the report and highlights the implications for mental health and learning disability services

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

- The Trust plans for the future direction of its mental health and learning disability services are already in accord with the regional intentions.
- There are targets on improving access to services that the Trust will have to respond to – 7 for Mental Health, 1 for Learning Disability
- The response to the consultation from 2gether NHS Foundation Trust will be supportive of the proposals and will also suggest additional pieces of work that support the Social Inclusion agenda that the Trust is already following.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- To note the implications of the review on mental health and learning disability services as this indicates the SHA's intentions for performance management.
- To endorse the approach to the response.

WHICH TRUST KEY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES DOES THIS PAPER PROGRESS OR CHALLENGE?

Supporting clinical care	p	Skilled workforce	
Getting the basics right	p	Using better information	
Social inclusion	p	Financial efficiency	
Seeking involvement		Legislation	

WHICH TRUST VALUES DOES THIS PAPER PROGRESS OR CHALLENGE?			
Seeing from a service user perspective			p
Excelling and improving	p	Inclusive open and honest	
Responsive	p	Can do	p
Valuing and respectful	p	Efficient	

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The SHA has undertaken a wide consultation exercise with stakeholders as part of the review.	

1. CONTEXT

The national review of NHS services lead by Lord Ara Darzi required each SHA to review its services. There are 10 'Care Pathways' of which mental health is one. Learning Disability services do not feature in the national review but have been subject to a southwest review, lead (jointly) by Paul Winterbottom.

2. OUTCOMES OF THE REVIEW

The summary consultation document is attached. The implications for 2gether NHSFT are assumed as follows;

Mental Health

1. New service assessments within 8 weeks by March 2009, and within 4 weeks by March 2011.

The Director of Operations has recently appointed a post to model capacity across the organisation to ensure that we are responding to services in the most efficient and effective way. Any areas of under capacity will need to be addressed with commissioners to ensure we can respond to the access targets.

2. Assessments and Care Plans for Carers within 4 weeks of referral.

This will be taken into account in the work described above.

3. Access to psychological therapy services.

Gloucestershire PCT has allocated £300k recurrently to support the development of psychological therapy services. The Working Age Adult SSU is working to redesign the PTS service to be in a position to respond to requests for development.

4. Specialist Community Eating Disorder services by 2011

We have a service model agreed with the PCT. The PCT wishes to support the model with funding currently 'tied up' in out-of-area placements. We are working with the PCT to try and divert some of those resources into a local service. There is no guarantee the PCT will not tender these services although we are working with them to try and develop our existing service as an alternative to tender.

5. Dementia Care plans in place within 4 weeks of diagnosis.

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6. Physical conditions to have access to full range of psychiatry services.

There is no evidence to suggest that people with a physical disability are currently excluded from service. However, Gloucestershire PCT has yet to explore the development of Psychological Therapy services to support people with Long Term conditions. This would be a new Mandatory Service under our current contract arrangements.

7. Named Care Coordinators linked to general practice.

This model of support replicates the idea of Community Matrons supporting people with long-term conditions. 2FT would wish to provide this service either as a new Mandatory Service under the current contract arrangements, or as a result of a tendered service.

8. PCTs and NICE best practice pathways.

2FT will support the PCT to commission services in accordance with NICE best practice guidance.

Learning Disability.

1. Personal Care Plan by 2009

All 2FT LD inpatients have a Personal Care Plan. This is currently being extended to the community services and is taken account of as part of the CPA review in the services.

The other Learning Disability targets are for other parts of the health and social care community to deliver.

The Trust will also be affected by the proposals in 'A Health Service Fit For The Future'. This section details targets that relate to all NHS services

3. RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION

The targets as described in the document are important in the further development of learning disability and mental health services. However, they do not respond to any of the recommendations detailed in the 'Social Exclusion' Report 2004. This report focussed on the importance of housing and employment in improving and maintaining mental health. These themes will be replicated in the further development of government policy on Mental Health as the National Service Framework comes to the end of its implementation phase. 2FT is part of a pilot project working with the Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health to create Key Performance Indicators to support the NHS in helping service users get and maintain employment.

The response to the consultation from 2FT will support the direction of travel and look forward to the next stage of development in mental health services to reflect an agenda more focussed on Social Inclusion.