

**REPORT FOR THE BOLTON OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
ON 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2006**

**RECONFIGURATION OF THE OLDER PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH  
INPATIENT SERVICES AND BELMONT DAY HOSPITAL IN BOLTON.**

**1. SUMMARY**

The attached consultation document provides detail on the strategic context and proposed benefits to service users of the redesign of Older People's Mental Health Inpatient and Day Hospital services.

**2. SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES**

The Proposal seeks to reduce the bed compliments on J1 and J2 Ward to enable refurbishment to take place to meet the requirements of safety, privacy and dignity standards. The Proposal maintains existing Inpatient capacity in line with the Service demand experienced in the last year.

The proposal enables the development of a hub and spoke model of Day Care Services for Older People with mental health problems whilst maintaining capacity at current levels of demand experienced in the last year. Furthermore, the proposal offers the opportunity to increase capacity within the CMHT(E)'s to support generic providers of Older Peoples Services.

**3. CONSULTATION**

As outlined in the consultation document the proposal falls out of the extensive work that has been undertaken within the Health Economy to redesign Older Peoples Health and Care services, which involved a wide number of stakeholders and users and carers.

As such there has already been a significant amount of informal consultation on the development of the model of service and the proposed services changes. It is within this context that the formal consultation process has been devised.

### **3.1 Timescale for consultation**

The consultation will take place from the 1<sup>st</sup> August to the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2006 with the outcome being reported to the statutory bodies at their board meetings in November 2006.

### **3.2 Distribution of the consultation document**

The attached consultation document will be distributed to those organisations and service user and carer forums as outlined at appendix 2 of the consultation document. As such it will reach the following:-

- Service users in Bolton via the membership and distributions lists of the Patients Council, BAND and Mhist (approx 800 service users).
- All GP's via the Primary Care Trust (approx 150 GP's and Primary Health Care teams).
- All professional staff within the integrated mental health and social care service via team brief (approx 500 staff)
- Members of parliament
- The PPI forum
- Bolton Hospitals Trust
- Bolton PCT
- The consultation document will be placed on the web site of the Mental Health Trust and Bolton PCT and distributed to public access points within the borough.

### **3.3 Consultation Events**

The following specific consultation events are planned with the following organisations and groups within the consultation period :-

- The Older Peoples Partnership Board.
- Take It To The Top Meeting

This event is open to all members of the Patients Council, Mhist and BAND (Bolton Association of Network and Drop-ins) and voluntary organisations that have an interest in Mental Health.

- The Bolton Patients & Public Forum
- The Bolton Councillors Policy Development Forum,
- The Bolton Salford & Trafford Mental Health Trust, User Advisory Consultative Team (U.A.C.T),
- The Mental Health Consultative committee. (This is a carers group specific to the Older People's Mental Health Service)

In addition the Trust will ensure coverage within the local news paper and invite members of the general public and any interested party to contact the service for further information and to arrange a presentation if required.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

In summary the Bolton Salford & Trafford Mental Health Trust would recommend that:-

I. The Bolton Overview and Scrutiny Committee approve the proposal as being in the interest of service users of the local mental health and social care service.

II. That the committee support the consultation process outlined in the report.

III. That the committee receive a further report with the outcome of the consultation at its November 2006 meeting.