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GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Older People's Mental Health Services

This refers to all health and social care services provided to people aged over 65 years who may have a functional or organic mental health problems

CMHT(E)

Community mental health teams for older people

Acute admission wards

The acute admission ward for older people with mental health problems provides a period of in-patient assessment and treatment to older people who present with complex, challenging and acute psychiatric needs often with co-morbid physical health problems.

Continuing Assessment wards

The continuing assessment wards provide ongoing assessment, treatment and specialist interventions to older people whose needs are complex, challenging and diverse. The older people who use these services have needs that cannot be met in any other care environment. The length of stay in these ward area's is often lengthy due to the complexity of need. Discharge would not be planned until the patients physical and mental health was such that other care environments could meet any assessed need.

Organic mental

Organic mental illness in the context of this document refers primarily to Dementia. Dementia is a global term used to describe a range of illnesses, including Alzheimer's disease, Lewy Body disease and Picks disease, which all result in a progressive and irreversible decline in memory, problem solving ability, the use of learned skills, social skills and emotional control. A decline in physical health and physical ability is also evident.

Functional mental illness

Functional mental illness refers to illness such as depression and anxiety.

Early onset dementia

Early onset dementia refers to people who develop dementia and are aged under 65 years.

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1. DEVELOPING SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS IN BOLTON

1.1 Background

Services for older people with mental health problems have undergone significant change and development over the past decade. Service development has been influenced by a range of policy directive and a desire to achieve better, more flexible and integrated services for older people.

1.2 Policy directives

A significant number of reports, publications and policy guidance documents have contributed to the development of Services for Older People. These include;

- Department of Health, 'Everybody's business' 1
- Department of Health, The National service framework for long term conditions²
- Department of Health, National service framework for Older People.³
- Department of Health, Better Health in Old Age⁴
- Department of Health, Safety, privacy and dignity in mental health units⁵
- Audit commission, Forget me not⁶
- Commission for Health Improvement Investigation into matters arising from care on Rowan Ward, Manchester Mental Health and Social Care Trust.⁷

1.3 Local development and strategy

The development of Mental Health Services for Older People in Bolton is set in the context of a broad Strategic Framework for the Redesign of Older Peoples Health and Care Services (2003-2008), recognising the need to develop integrated services for older people, including those with mental

Department of Health (2005) Everybody's business – Integrated mental health services for older adults: a service development guide, Department of Health, London.

Department of Health (2005) The National Service Framework for Long-term conditions, Department of Health, London

Department of Health (2001) National Service Framework for Older People, Department of Health, London.

Department of Health (????) Better Health in Old Age, Department of Health, London.

Department of Health (1999) Safety, privacy and dignity in mental health units, Department of Health, London.

Audit commission (1997) Forget me not, Audit commission, London

Commission for Health Improvement (2003) Investigation into matters arising form care on Rowan Ward, Manchester Mental Health and Social Care Trust, The Stationary Office, London.

health needs. As defined within the strategic framework future development of service for older people will focus on:

- Promoting independence
- Providing care as close to home as possible
- Maximising dignity, privacy and choice
- Integrating health and social care
- Developing links with secondary health care ensuring co-ordination of care, timely transfer and safe discharge
- Ensuring the needs of carers are recognised and responded to
- Easy and equitable access to services based on need
- Effective engagement of service users and carers in decision making, providing informed choice throughout the care pathway
- Providing the highest standard of residential and nursing home care that promotes independence and is sensitive to the needs of the individual

Following a detailed piece of work across the statutory agencies, the Commissioning intentions of both the Local Authority and Bolton PCT in relation to Services for older people with mental health problems have been agreed as follows:

- To build capacity and capability in primary care to ensure the promotion of mental health for older people, and the early diagnosis and management of mental health difficulties.
- To develop and expand integrated Community Mental Health Teams for older people, to ensure appropriate specialist input into the Single Assessment Process and care co-ordination, providing more support to people in the community and helping to prevent avoidable hospital admissions.
- To commission locality based networks of community-based mental health services for older people, including:

Home Care
Respite Care
Day Services
Intermediate Care
Carers Support Services
Extra Care Housing

With the capacity to provide timely, intensive, short-term interventions where needed.

 To commission additional capacity for the provision of continuing NHS care places, and improve the quality of care provided to older people with mental health needs in residential and nursing homes. To commission acute services care which are focused on meeting acute mental health needs and which have an appropriate separation of facilities for:

Men and women
People with functional and organic illness
Younger and older adults

and which improves access to medical and other staffing resources

- To develop the workforce across all sectors, underpinned by training programmes, personal development, and effective protocols in the management of specific conditions.
- To improve the shared understanding and analysis of the nature and level of the need for mental health services for older people
- To strengthen mechanisms by which older people and their carers can influence development of the service strategy, and ensure that their views and aspirations are recognised in the commissioning and service delivery processes
- To expand service provision for those in early onset dementia informed by detailed assessment of need in collaboration with Salford and Trafford
- To commission specialist care services for those with complex care needs, i.e. sexually disinhibited behaviour.

In addition, a recent Bolton Day Services Improvement and Modernisation Strategy ⁸ highlighted the need to reduce the number of places available within the Belmont Day Hospital to ensure brief, targeted intervention for those with complex needs. Furthermore, the report recommended that a partnership agreement is developed across BST, Local authority and the PCT to ensure a network of community based older peoples Mental Health services are available in each sector of the borough, with Firwood Day Centre acting as a borough-wide hub for specialist Day Care. It envisaged that the hub would include the provision of specialist advice and information to support other generic day services within the borough.

Local service providers continue to work together to develop cohesive, integrated and responsive services to older people in Bolton in collaboration with those who use our services and their carers. communication, planning and implementation processes are in place across the Bolton health and social care economy to enable open, honest and meaningful debate which aims to contribute to the development of the best possible services in the right place and at the right time. Information

⁸ Bolton Day Services Improvement and Modernisation Strategy – August 2005

- o Older People's Mental Health Implementation team
- o Older People's Partnership Board
- o Older People's commissioning and redesign group

It is within the context of National Policy Directives, Local Strategic Plans and planning forums that the consultation on the proposed Services changes for Inpatient and Day Hospital Services for older people with mental health problems in Bolton is made.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS CONSULTATION

2.1 What this document covers.

This document sets out the detailed proposals to:

- a) Reconfigure the Inpatient Bed availability currently within the Older Peoples Mental Health Service provided by BST for the Bolton Community.
- b) Significantly improve the environments and range of treatment interventions offered to older people with mental health problems who require inpatient care.
- c) Modernise the provision of day hospital services for older people with mental health problems, through the provision of a small targeted day hospital service.
- d) Expand the range of community day care places available for older people with mental health problems.
- e) Strengthen the capacity within the Community Mental Health Teams to outreach to other providers of service, thus sharing the skills and knowledge of a specialist service with others who provide care to older people.

The aim of our plan is to make better use of resources to modernise and improve services for patients. The initial impact of this will be significant changes for staff and improved service delivery for patients, their carers, referrers and our partner organisations.

The purpose of the consultation is to enable us to better understand the impact of these changes from these differing points of view and to use this information to help us to refine our plans.

2.2 What we are asking for

Your comments are invited on the above proposals. These should be returned to:

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3. CURRENT SERVICE PROVISION AND CONCERNS - J1, J2 WARDS, BELMONT DAY HOSPITAL and CMHT (E)'s

3.1 Current service provision

Bolton, Salford and Trafford Mental Health NHS Trust currently provides;

- Ward J1 28 beds for admission and assessment of older people (male and female) with organic brain disease.
- Ward J2 provides 28 beds for continuing assessment of older male patients with organic brain disease.
- Hawthorn ward provides 15 beds for the continuing assessment of older female patients with organic brain disease.
- K wards The acute adult wards (mental health) provide a nominal 15 beds for older people with functional mental health problems.
- Belmont Day Hospital has provided up to 20 places per day for older people with mental health problems.

(Total number of beds available = 86)

Hawthorn House has recently undergone extensive refurbishment to reprovide the in-patient ward previously provided at Fall Birch Hospital and now provides a high quality, appropriate environment for older people. J1 and J2 are housed on the first and second floors of a building off the main corridor of the Mental Health unit at Royal Bolton Hospital. Belmont Day Hospital is situated on the ground floor of the same building.

3.2 Bed Occupancy

Bed occupancy has been reviewed over a 12 month period and statistics show that;

- On average 12.6 beds are occupied in K wards by older people with functional illness.
- On average 19.9 beds are occupied on J1 by both male and female patients over 65 with organic illness.
- On average 19 beds occupied on J2 ward by male patients over 65 with continuing assessment needs.

 On average 14.3 beds have been occupied on Hawthorn House by female patients over 65 years with continuing assessment needs.

Based on the above calculations on average a total of 68 beds are occupied by older people at any one time. For the purposes of this consultation, it is proposed to keep the current provision of access for older people with functional illnesses on the K wards, and the bed compliment of a nominal 15 beds on Hawthorn House. The proposed changes in bed configuration is therefore restricted to J1 and J2 ward.

3.3 Current concerns regarding in-patient environment

In-patient services are subject to a range of monitoring measures which ensure the delivery of high quality care and treatment to older people. visits by the Patient and Public Involvement forum and the Mental Health Act Commission have highlighted the need for BSTMHT to either reprovide the in-patient wards or invest significant capital to improve the environment.

Concerns raised have included:

- The patients on J2 ward have no access to fresh air as the ward is situated on the top floor of the building – access to the outside is dependent on staff being available to take patients out.
- Observation of patients is poor due to the layout of the ward
- Beds are provided in dormitory type accommodation which impacts on privacy and dignity.
- · Day space is limited
- Dining space is limited
- Space for group and 1:1 activity is limited
- Bathrooms and toilets open directly onto main corridor area's
- The skill mix of staff on both J1 and J2 is poor as documented by the Mental Health Act Commission, Patient and Public Involvement Forum and the review undertaken by the Strategic Health Authority in 2004 following the publication of the Rowan Report.
- The patients in both J1 and J2 have complex and challenging needs.
 The current bed availability on each of the wards (28 beds) is not conducive to maintaining individualised care.

 The number and level of acuity of the patient group on J2 has led to a number of serious incidents occurring which anecdotally can be perceived to be linked to the lack of access to outside space i.e. smashing windows

Additionally the Lake and Lacey report⁹ recognised the inappropriateness of the environments for this client group and proposed that it should be a priority area for concern.

3.4 Current day hospital provision

Belmont Day Hospital has provided up to 20 places per day (over a 5 day week) for older people with mental health problems. 3 days a week services are provided to older people with functional mental health problems and 2 days a week services are provided for people with organic mental illness.

A number of current issues have been identified with regard to Belmont Day Hospital. These include;

- Occupancy and attendance fluctuates significantly.
- A recent project to review day services across the Bolton health and social care economy suggested that there is over capacity in the Belmont Day Hospital. The Joint Commissioning Strategy for Older People's Mental Health Services has a stated outcome of reducing the length of stay at Belmont Day Hospital and re-providing a small specialist resource. The analysis of current attendees suggested that nearly 50% of clients attending each day could be accessing other mainstream more local services.
- The service currently provided is inflexible and operates only within normal 'office' hours (i.e. Mon – Friday, 9am – 4pm)
- For many patients the journey to the Day Hospital is long, disruptive and disorientating. Transport provision (by GMAS) is costly, inflexible and often involves service users 'waiting' for transport either to the Day Hospital or to return them home.

 The current staff resource allocated to the Belmont Day Hospital focuses on only a small number of older people with mental health

⁹ Whole systems partnership (2003) Redesign of services for older people in Bolton, Addendum – Mental Health services for Older People.

problems and could be better utilised.

 Service users who only need attend on a sessional basis (i.e. for participation in specific therapies) have to remain at the day hospital for a full day due to inflexible transport provision.

3.5 Other service provision

In addition to the services described above Bolton, Salford and Trafford Mental Health NHS Trust provides;

- o 3 x Community Mental Health Teams for older people.
- Admiral Nursing Service which provides advice and support to the carers of people with dementia.
- Dementia Treatment Clinic which provides support and monitoring to people with dementia who have been prescribed cholinesterase inhibitors (dementia drugs).
- Medical staff (Consultants, Staff grade psychiatrists).
- Liaison services (currently under development).
- Psychology services.

The Lake Lacey Report and the draft Older Peoples Commission Strategy reference the need to increase the overall capacity of professions allied to medicine to support both the Inpatient Service and the Community Mental Health Teams. Similarly, the need to increase capacity within CMHT (E)'s to increase specialist support to mainstream providers of services to older people is seen as a key service development priority.

4.1 Refurbishment of J1 and J2

The in-patient wards (J1, J2 and Hawthorn) provide care and treatment to older people with mental health problems whose needs are complex, diverse and challenging. An environment needs to be provided which:

- Supports the provision of sensitive and appropriate care to people with conflicting needs.
- o Ensures privacy and dignity and supports independence.
- Meets good practice principles in 'designing environments for people with dementia'.

In the past, the availability of capital resources to enable environmental improvements to take place has been the major stumbling block to change. However in 2006-7 BSTMHT have now committed a Capital sum of £800,000 to address the longstanding environmental issues associated with the J wards.

This investment has provided a range of opportunities:

- To improve the care environment within secondary care in-patient services for older people with mental health needs.
- To review and revise the current configuration of in-patient services on J1 and J2.
- To progress development of the strategic plan for the development of integrated services provided within local communities for older people with mental health needs.
- To address the proposals outlined in the Lake and Lacey report⁹
 which highlighted the need to rebalance the model of care with an
 emphasis on a community based infrastructure proposing that
 future need would 'require a new balance of capacity with
 reductions in the in-patient facilities.'

In order to facilitate the refurbishment/improvement of in-patient facilities whilst maintaining adequate service provision for those with greatest need and maintaining safety it is essential that a facility is provided which enables this. In addition there is a need to address service development proposals which have formed part of the strategic developments of service provision for older people in Bolton.

It is therefore proposed that;

- The bed capacity within J1 and J2 reduces from 56 to 40.
- That J2 ward relocates to the ground floor with a compliment of 20 beds.
- That J1 ward remains in situ on the 1st Floor with a compliment of 20 beds.
- That Hawthorn ward continues to provide 15 beds for older female patients.
- That the nominal 15 beds on K wards remain available for older people with functional mental health problems.

(Total revised number of beds = 70)

- That within the redesign all issues associated with safety, privacy and dignity and single sex wards (in terms of environment) are addressed, however, the unit will be designed in a way that flexibility with regard to gender occupancy can be achieved. In addition the clinical team will address the potential to flex bed occupancy to provide for the specific needs associated with either functional or organic mental health needs.
- The Belmont Day Hospital in its current form closes and within the capital scheme a smaller day hospital facility which has the capacity to provide a short term intervention to a maximum of 10 patients per day is established.
- That, in collaboration with Adult Services (Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council), an additional 12 places per day are provided at Firwood centre for older people with complex mental health problems.
- o CMHT (E)'s

It is proposed to increase the capacity within the CMHT (E)'s to enhance and support, the delivery of specialist advice and skills to generic providers of Older Peoples Services working within the framework of the Single Assessment process. This would include establishing links with the Intermediate Care Services, Primary Health Care Teams and unscheduled care services, including for example the Intermediate Care Service and Primary Health Care Teams.

Summary of Proposal

Current Service Provision	Average utilisation of Service Provision (2005/6)	Proposed re-configuration
J2 Ward – 28 beds	19 beds	20 beds
J1 Ward – 28 beds	19.9 beds	20 beds
Hawthorn House – 15	14.3 beds	15 beds
beds		
K Wards – 15 beds	12.6 beds	15 beds
Belmont Day Hospital – 20 places	20 places	On-site day hospital provision – 10 places per day (5 days per week), Firwood – 12 places per day for complex needs (5 days per week)
CMHT (E)'s	Per Team: 5 wte Nursing staff 2 wte Social Workers, 0.5 wte OTs	Per Team: 7 wte Nursing staff 2 wte Social Workers 1 wte OT

In Summary

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 in-patient 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.

5.1 Impact of the Proposal on Patients and Carers

5.1.1 Belmont Day Hospital

Many of the current service users within the Belmont Day Hospital are attending for a time limited period of assessment or treatment intervention and will therefore be discharged prior to any changes taking place.

Some service users have accessed Belmont Day Hospital for longer periods of time and are currently awaiting the provision of alternative day care support. The multi-disciplinary/multi agency teams will continue to support these patients through the discharge planning process.

There are a small number of patients who have attended Belmont Day Hospital for a longer period of time (2-5 years). These people are assessed as having complex and often challenging needs and there are concerns that their needs could not be met in other day care settings without specialist intervention. It is anticipated that these patients will be offered day care support in the new development at Firwood and support from specialist mental health staff will continue.

For all patients and carers affected by these proposals continued support will be offered during discharge or transfer ensuring that there is a seamless transition to other service provision and that any concerns are addressed effectively. All patients will have a nominated care coordinator in accordance with the CPA policy and continuing support from Consultant Psychiatrists.

5.1.2 In-patient services

The refurbishment of J1 and J2 is to be planned in such a way that there will be minimal disruption to the ongoing delivery of in-patient services to older people with mental health needs. In order to minimise disruption the following actions are to be put into place;

- There will be a regular meeting of a 'Clinical Liaison Group' involving service user/carer representation throughout the refurbishment project. This will ensure that any plans are communicated to clinical teams and to service users and carers and that any problems or issues are dealt with effectively.
- There will be a 'Communication Strategy' in place which will utilise a variety of media to ensure that progress in the refurbishment project is communicated to all involved. This will include regular newsletters and a notice board will be put in situ in a prominent position to update service users and visitors.

- Any internal movement of patients during the refurbishment project (i.e. move of patients from J1 to facilitate works) will be planned with the clinical teams to ensure that attention is given to the ongoing health, safety and well being of patients and staff.
 Additional staff may be brought in to support planned moves as required.
- The clinical teams and a service user/carer representative will be involved in the initial design process to ensure that service user needs are central to any redesign of the environment.
- There will be ongoing and regular meetings/communication with our estates and facilities directorate throughout the refurbishment project to ensure that any disruption to services is minimised.
- During the planning stages of the refurbishment project there will be ongoing communication and discussion with our health and social care partners to ensure that progress is communicated.
- There will be ongoing discussions with partner organisations to address delays in discharge from hospital particularly those discharges where significant delay is incurred due to the complex administrative processes involved in agreeing continuing care funding.

5.2 Impact of Proposal on Staff

The knowledge and skills of our staff within Older Peoples Mental Health Services are our most valuable asset. The Trust is committed to the retention of the skills and expertise of staff who are experienced in working with older people and will actively support staff through the change and development. It is proposed that the development of the day services proposals as outlined in this document will release the significant medical, nursing and allied health professional staffing resource currently allocated to Belmont Day Hospital to support expanded Community Services.

5.3 The financial impact of the Proposal

The redesign of services outlined above will be achieved within the resource envelope of £255k which is the current expenditure budget attributed to the Belmont Day Hospital, and will be revenue neutral to Commissioners.

The time scales associated with this proposal are:

•	Consultation Outcome of consultation and final proposals reported to statutory bodies		1/8/06 – 13/10/06 November 2006
•	Closure of existing Belmont Day Hospital	-	1/12/2006
•	Commence refurbishment works on Inpatient wards	-	1/12/2006
•	Reprovision of Specialist Day Services at Firwood	-	1/12/2006
•	Redeployment of staff to Firwood and CMHT (E)'s	-	1/12/2006
•	Commission refurbished Inpatient wards and Day Hospital provision	-	30/7/2007

The proposal as stated aims to address both the recognised environmental difficulties in both the ward area's and facilitate the development of the Older People's Mental Health Services strategic plan by:

- Providing a ground floor facility for the current in-patient group on J2 ward comprising 20 beds (to be designed in 5 bedded pods enabling flexibility of use)
- Refurbishing/redecorating J1 ward addressing concerns regarding safety, privacy and dignity and to reduce the bed capacity within this area to 20 beds.
- Re-providing a small, specialist day care facility within J block (on the ground floor) providing a maximum of 50 places per week with the service specification outlining clear objectives of providing specialist, short term and intensive day hospital services to older people with complex mental health needs. The overall aim being to facilitate integration into mainstream services.
- Increasing Specialist Day provision at Firwood by 60 places per week.
- Relocating some of the resources from Belmont Day Hospital to enhance current service provision in Community Mental Health Teams. This will aim to strengthen community based provision and improve the availability of specialist skills in community settings providing an invaluable link to locally based resources.

The proposal provides an un-missable opportunity to drive forward the proposals outlined in the Lake and Lacey report⁹ published in 2003, and further embodied in the Draft Joint Commission Strategy.

The proposal will enable the Trust to maximise the use of its resources, whilst providing significantly improved services to patients and their carers.

CIRCULATION LISTS

Service Users of Bolton Mental Health Services – via BAND, Patients Council, Take it to the Top Group.

Staff of Bolton Mental Health Services.

Patient and Public Involvement Forum – Bolton

Older Peoples Partnership Board - Bolton

Bolton Hospitals Trust

Bolton MBC Adult Services Department

Bolton Primary Care Trust

Bolton Overview and Scrutiny Committee

BST Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Bolton Strategic LIT

The Consultative Committee (Carers Group specific to Older Peoples Mental Health Service)

The Alzheimers Society - Bolton

AGE Concern - Bolton

User.Advisory.Consultative Team (UACT) – BSTMHT.NHS.TRUST

Members of Parliament

Specific presentations will be made to:-

Older Peoples Partnership Board

Bolton Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Bolton Salford & Trafford Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Patient & Public Involvement Forum – BST Mental Health NHS Trust

Bolton PCT Board

In addition, representatives of the service would be pleased to meet with any other groups or organisations who require further information. (Please see page 10 for details).