

**INFORMAL MEETING OF THE JOINT SCRUTINY PANEL FOR PENNINE
CARE (MENTAL HEALTH) TRUST**

**NOTES OF A MEETING
Tuesday, 10th SEPTEMBER 2019**

PRESENT: Councillors S. Smith (Rochdale Borough Council (in the Chair), P. Sullivan (Rochdale Borough Council), J. Grimshaw (Bury MBC), R. Walker (Bury MBC), L. Hamblett (Oldham MBC), J. Mobbs (Stockport MBC), and J. Wright (Stockport MBC).

OFFICERS: P. Thompson (Governance and Committee Services – Rochdale Borough Council).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: C. Molloy (Chief Executive - Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust), L. Bishop (Trust Secretary –Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust), D. Wallace (Engagement Lead – Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust) and Sian Wimbury (Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust).

Apologies for absence: Councillor K. Holloway (Stockport MBC), P. Dale (Rochdale Borough Council), E. Moores (Oldham MBC) and R. Surjan (Oldham MBC)

MIXED SEX ACCOMMODATION

The Trust's Engagement Lead updated Members on the current situation regarding mixed sex accommodation (MSA) at the Trust's hospital wards.

An outline business plan, with an outline implementation plan for the introduction of single sex wards, was to be presented to the Board meeting of the Pennine Care Trust to be held on 25th September 2019, prior to the proposed submission of a full business case to the following Board meeting on 30th October 2019.

The proposed implementation plan was subject to a phased introduction:

- a. Phase 1: Tameside Adults (following the introduction of this there would be a period of reflection to determine the effectiveness of the action.
- b. Phase 2: Fairfield Hospital, Bury (Ramsbottom Ward) and Rochdale Infirmary (dormitory Ward)
- c. Phase 3: Stockport Adults
- d. Phase 4: older people's wards across Greater Manchester's North East Sector (Bury, Rochdale and Oldham)
- e. Phase 5: Stockport and Tameside adults
- f. Phase 6: Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale.

In considering the proposed implementation programme it was suggested that member of the Committee be invited to visit wards at different hospital sites across the Trust's footprint, beginning with the Aspden and Hope Ward at the Royal Oldham Hospital.

Members of the Committee sought clarification on patient's electronic records; which the Committee members were advised would be undertaken as part of the roll-out of single sex wards. Committee members also sought clarification on how the proposals would affect patients living with dementia and on the staffing levels of the Trust.

It was agreed that the update report be noted and welcomed and that the request, by Members of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to visit hospital wards across the Trust's footprint, be actioned.

CQC INSPECTION AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Trust's Chief Executive reminded the meeting that the Care Quality Commission (CQC) had undertaken a 'Well Led' inspection of a selection of services provided by the Trust in the period August – October 2018. Some of the services inspected included dentistry, mental health hospital wards (for adults and for older people), PICU, home treatment teams and crisis services and walk-in centres across the Trust's footprint.

The CQC's report was presented to the Trust's Board in December 2018 with an overall 'requires improvement' rating, although it was acknowledged (by the CQC) that many individual services were improving. The Board was also presented with an Improvement Plan which addressed the specific issues raised in the CQC's inspection report.

It was agreed that the Trust's Improvement Plan be a standing item on the agenda of future formal meetings of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Pennine Care, insofar as the Committee is to be appraised of steps that the Trust is taking to carry out the necessary improvements.

FINANCIAL UPDATE REPORT

The Trust's Chief Executive updated the meeting with regard to the Trust's current financial position.

Current predictions were projecting a funding shortfall of £23.1 million by the end of the 2019/20 financial year. However, to offset this the Trust were to embark on a savings programme (Value Improvement Programme) that was expected to reduce the projected deficit by £11.2 million with the rest of the deficit to be recouped via grant funding from the government.

It was agreed that the financial update report be noted.