

Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board – 25 July 2013

Winterbourne View Stocktake July 2013

Background

1.1 In May 2011, serious abuse was uncovered at Winterbourne View, a specialist hospital for adults with learning disabilities. A secret film was broadcast by the BBC's Panorama programme, showing people with a learning disability being teased and taunted, inappropriately restrained, and being sprayed with a shower hose. Winterbourne View was a private specialist hospital for people with a learning disability and mental health needs, run by Castlebeck.

Following the programme, a series of investigations took place. In December 2012 the Department of health published **Transforming care: A national response to Winterbourne View Hospital**. This set out key actions for organisations across the health and social care system. A national Joint Improvement Programme has been established to support and oversee the delivery of the actions.

1.2 The key actions for commissioners are summarised below:

Summary

Date	Action
By 1st April 2013	PCT to have a local register of all people with challenging behaviour in NHS funded care.
By 1st June 2013	Review the care of all people on the above register and agree a personal care plan for each individual based on their and their families needs
By April 2014	CCGs and LA will set out a joint strategic plan to commission the range of local health housing and care support services to meet the above needs
December 2013	DH will provide a progress update

Stocktake July 2013

2.1 The Department of Health carried out a stocktake to check progress on the actions at the beginning of July 2013. Oxfordshire's response to the questionnaire is attached. All of the actions are on target to be delivered.

2.2 There are 12 people in inpatient services commissioned by Oxfordshire and 5 in forensic inpatient services which are commissioned by NHS England. All those whose services are commissioned by Oxfordshire have received reviews and the Learning Disability Team is actively involved with them and their families to ensure they are well supported, they are receiving active treatment, and plans are made together for when they are ready for discharge to the community.

2.3 Three of the people who are in forensic services commissioned by NHS England have had reviews in the last 6 months and the other 2 have reviews scheduled in July. When they are ready for discharge Oxfordshire's Learning Disability Team will work with NHS England, the person and their family to arrange their move to a less restrictive placement.

2.4 The well-established pooled budget and lead commissioning arrangements in Oxfordshire reflect the co-ordinated, person-centred approach set out in the Department of Health report. The task for Oxfordshire is to ensure this approach is embedded effectively across all areas, including both adults and children, to ensure the quality of services is high, develop innovative solutions for people with exceptionally complex needs, and to maintain a culture of challenging and learning. The Stocktake has been signed off by the Chair of the Health and Well Being Board and the Chief Executives of the Council and Clinical Commissioning Group. The report is being shared with the autism and learning disability partnership boards.

Good Practice Examples

4.1 The Department of Health has expressed interest in some of Oxfordshire's commissioning arrangements as examples of good practice. We have had a visit from a team who are developing a core specification for learning disability specialist health services, and who were positive about Oxfordshire's specification across inpatient services and community learning disability teams, which focuses on supporting people with health and mental health needs to remain at home and to be treated and discharged proactively if they do need a hospital admission. We have also had positive feedback on the commissioning strategy, and met with a researcher who wanted to understand the benefits of the pooled budget arrangement and any barriers we have identified in delivering a joined up, person-centred strategic approach. In the last week two other authorities have requested to meet with us to find out more about the pooled budget arrangements.

4.2 The Department of Health is also sharing examples of good practice across the country which we are able to learn from to help us develop our strategy and operational practice further.

Next Steps

5.1 Oxfordshire's learning disability team is continuing to work with people in inpatient services to ensure person-centred plans are in place; their treatment is regularly reviewed, and discharge plans are followed up in a timely way. A register of all admissions and discharges is maintained and a monthly meeting reviews progress. Commissioners will continue to develop a joint plan across children's and adult services, health and social care, to ensure commissioning approaches are robust and forward-looking. The Department of Health will publish a progress report by December 2013 and again by December 2014.

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