

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SERVICES

TO:	ADULTS, CHILDRENS SERVICES AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE		
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TITLE:	TRANSFORMING CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES AND BEHAVIOUR THAT CHALLENGES		
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To update ACE Committee on the progress of the Transforming Care for People with Learning Difficulties and Challenging Behaviour project.
- 1.2 The project, led by the Berkshire CCGs, now has a pan-Berkshire governance structure of Health and Local Authority organisations and has drafted a plan in response to a request from NHS England on proposals to develop services in the community to accommodate people of all ages with a learning disability and/or autism who display behaviour that challenges, including those with a mental health condition.
- 1.3 Reading Borough Council will partner neighbouring Berkshire authorities to commission specialist care and accommodation to increase provision in the community for those discharged from hospital or at risk of hospital admission.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 The Adults, Children's Services and Education Committee to note the update on this project.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The Winterbourne View Joint Improvement Programme ran for three years and resulted in a range of recommendations for transforming care for people with learning disabilities and behaviour that challenges. This is a cohort of people who are either in-patients at Assessment and Treatment units or at risk of admission. NHS England are now progressing a plan for all Health and Social Care organisations to transform services in this area in line with *Building the Right Support - a national 3 year plan to develop community services and close inpatient facilities* (NHS England, LGA, ADASS 2015)
- 3.2 The plan contributes towards the following Reading Borough Council strategic priorities:

Priority 1 - Safeguarding and protecting those that are most vulnerable
Priority 2 - Providing the best life through education, early help and healthy living

4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 Berkshire West CCGs have been leading a working group forming local proposals to meet the national NHS England objectives. The working group has representatives from the CCGs, Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust, Reading, Wokingham and West Berkshire Local Authorities. The group has produced a Joint Transformation Plan.
- 4.2 NHS England requires a plan and governance arrangements to cover the whole of Berkshire. A Berkshire Transforming Care Partnership Project Board has been created, chaired by the Head of Commissioning for Berkshire West CCGs. There is a Local Authority Director of Adult Services representative from East Berkshire. This Board will be responsible to NHS England and oversees two operational groups (one East and one West Berks).
- 4.3 A joint plan, co-ordinated by the CCGs and BHFT, has been drafted for NHS England. This plan proposes that staff currently employed by BHFT will develop an Intensive Support service for community provision. This will happen alongside commissioning new care services and accommodation for this high needs cohort of people. This should reduce reliance on in-patient beds. The proposal is to start the transformation in September 2016.
- 4.4 There are approximately six Reading resident in-patients of this cohort at any one time. Some are long term in-patients. They have been admitted to Prospect Park wards or placements in hospitals in other boroughs. There is a lack of suitable community based accommodation and specialist care provision in Berkshire for these people. As the numbers needing this very specialist provision are low (currently a couple of people a year in Reading) it is planned to partner the neighbouring local authorities to attract providers to either move in new services to the area or to upskill existing services and staff.
- 4.5 The Joint Transformation plan proposes joint Personal Health and Care Budgets for people leaving assessment and treatment units and a partnership of the local authorities to commission new services together. This should run alongside the BHFT development of the new Intensive Support service which will help people to remain in the community.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

- 5.1 The plan contributes towards the following Reading Borough Council strategic priorities:

Priority 1 - Safeguarding and protecting those that are most vulnerable
Priority 2 - Providing the best life through education, early help and healthy living

- 5.2 The plan is incorporated into the Learning Disability Strategy agreed by ACE February 2016.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

- 6.1 The West of Berks working group has a Carer representative and is planning engagement with patients, service users and carers over the next few months.
- 6.2 The plan will be published on the Reading Borough Council website subsequent to the plan being signed off at the Adults, Children and Education Committee.

7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 The main changes are related to services currently provided by BHFT. Reading Borough Council will continue to support people with Learning Disabilities and behaviour that challenges in residential and supported living provision within the community. The intention is to increase provision within Berkshire so that people can remain near their homes and families.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 This work complies with The Care Act 2015.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The people within this cohort have very high needs and are the highest cost placements for the Disability Team. Most care packages are part funded by Health budgets. Proposals for joint budgeting will need to be considered as they emerge.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 None