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## **Modernisation of Broadmoor Hospital, Berkshire**

### **1 Purpose**

The purpose of this summary report is to provide information to the Overview & Scrutiny Committees on the planned modernisation of Broadmoor Hospital.

### **2 Background**

High Secure Services are commissioned on behalf of PCTs by the High Secure Specialised Commissioning Group. South West Specialised Commissioning Group represents all fourteen Primary Care Trusts within NHS Southwest at this group. High secure hospitals are also directly monitored and overseen by the Department of Health under arrangements sometimes referred to as 'line of sight'. The provision of high secure hospitals is under the authority of the Secretary of State for Health and they can not be provided outside of those facilities licensed by the Department of Health.

There are three high secure hospitals providing services to England and Wales. High secure hospitals provide service to patients with mental disorders who are a known and immediate risk to the public. Broadmoor is the main high secure hospital for London and the South of England. The current hospital provides 244 beds for men with mental health needs from London and the South of England. The current catchment area for the hospital covers approximately 22 million people.

Broadmoor Hospital was built in 1863, and is managed by the West London Mental Health NHS Trust. It is widely accepted that the old building is not fit for purpose; most of the hospital is provided in accommodation over 140 years old. The Trust has been asked to prepare an Outline Business Case by the Secretary of State for Health, following a report from the Care Quality Commission that raised concerns that the hospital site was not meeting acceptable standards, and was not fit for purpose (July 2009). This case has recently been submitted to colleagues at NHS London for approval. Following the approval from NHS London, the case will be considered by the Department of Health and the Treasury.

### **3 The Outline Business Case**

The business case focuses on the need to improve the existing hospital, and particularly patient accommodation. The existing patient accommodation is not up to the standards expected for the delivery of modern mental healthcare.

NHS commissioners have asked the West London Mental Health NHS Trust to plan to provide modern purpose built high secure accommodation. There was also a

need to review the number of beds provided and the patient groups provided for, and this was undertaken as part of a national high secure capacity planning exercise during 2009/10. However, the overall client group and the geographical area covered by the service within the Outline Business Case remains unchanged.

In terms of the proposed scheme, the Trust intends to rebuild the majority of the existing hospital to the south east of the existing site. The new hospital will provide a modern therapeutic environment with the latest security and safety requirements expected by the Secretary of State for Health, the public and mental health professionals.

It is anticipated that the hospital will be operational during 2016. This is subject to approval from the Secretary of State and appropriate planning approvals, which rest with the Department of Health.

Further information in relation to the hospital redevelopment is available from Patrick Neville, Associate Director of Commissioning for Mental Health and Learning Difficulties on 0117 330 2579, or email [patrickneville@nhs.uk](mailto:patrickneville@nhs.uk).

#### **4 Involvement of Key Stakeholders**

The Trust has involved a range of key stakeholders, including the local authority, NHS advocates, patients and carers in the development and selection of the preferred option for this scheme.

In addition, the Trust has completed a communications strategy and stakeholder engagement plan which recognises that engaging with the public about this scheme will take approximately one year. This activity will coincide with the forthcoming planning application.

The planning application will be submitted following additional work on the design which will take place once the Outline Business Case has been approved by the Department of Health.

#### **5 Conclusion**

West London Mental Health NHS Trust has developed a plan to redevelop the hospital that ensures standards of accommodation, access to therapy and support for an improved clinical model can be supported in a safe and therapeutically appropriate environment. There is commissioning support for the redevelopment, and it is expected that final approvals will be given by the Department of Health for the scheme, with completion expected by 2016.

#### **6 Recommendation**

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is asked to note this improvement to the accommodation on the Broadmoor Hospital site.

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