

DECISION-MAKER:	HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL		
SUBJECT:	PROPOSALS TO REDESIGN INPATIENT OLDER PERSONS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES		
DATE OF DECISION:	29 JUNE 2023		
REPORT OF:	SCRUTINY MANAGER		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
<p>Attached as Appendix 1 is a briefing paper outlining proposals to redesign inpatient Older Persons Mental Health (OPMH) services delivered by Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust. The proposals include repurposing Beaulieu Ward at Western Community Hospital in Southampton and delivering organic dementia inpatient care services for the Hampshire and Southampton population from Poppy Ward at Gosport War Memorial Hospital and Elmwood Ward at Parklands Hospital, Basingstoke.</p> <p>The Panel is required to determine whether the proposals constitute a significant development or substantial variation in service and if so whether it requires further scrutiny.</p>			
RECOMMENDATIONS:			
	(i)	That the Panel utilises the attached appendices, and the discussion with invited attendees, to determine whether the proposals to redesign inpatient Older Persons Mental Health (OPMH) services represent a significant development or substantial variation in NHS services and, if so, whether the proposals require further scrutiny.	
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS			
1.	To enable the Panel to determine whether the OPMH proposals represent a substantial variation in NHS services.		
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED			
2.	None.		
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)			
3.	Attached as Appendix 1 is a proposal from Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust in relation to Older Persons Mental Health services. The proposals seek to upgrade and repurpose Beaulieu Ward at Western Community		

	Hospital in Southampton to meet the needs of older people with a functional illness, whilst ending admissions for older people with organic dementia.
4.	If the proposals are approved, Southampton residents requiring inpatient care from a specialist dementia ward would have to be accommodated at either Gosport War Memorial Hospital or Parklands Hospital in Basingstoke.
5.	NHS bodies are required to consult relevant Health Scrutiny Committees on any proposals for substantial variations or developments of health services. It is the role of the Panel to determine if the proposal represents a substantial variation or development.
6.	A substantial variation or development of health services is not defined in regulations. Proposals may range from changes that effect a small group of people within a small geographical area, to major reconfigurations of specialist services involving large numbers of patients across a wide area. The key feature is that there is a major change to services experienced by patients and future patients.
7.	Attached as Appendix 2 is the framework for assessing substantial change in NHS provision agreed by Southampton, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees. Under the guiding principles, the approach adopted recommends that: <i>‘Generally, in coming to a view, the key consideration will be the scale of the impact of the change on those actually using the service(s) in question.’</i> (Paragraph 26)
8.	Where it is agreed that a set of proposals amount to a substantial change in service, the NHS body or relevant health service provider must draw together and publish timescales which indicate the proposed date by which it is intended that a decision will be made. These timescales must also include the date by which the local authority will provide comments on the proposal, which will include whether the NHS Body has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaged and involved stakeholders in relation to changes; and, • Evidenced that the changes proposed are in the interest of the population served.
9.	Where it is agreed that the proposal does constitute a substantial change the response of a health scrutiny committee will be shaped by the following considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the development of the proposal been informed by appropriate engagement and involvement of local people and those using the service? • The extent to which commissioners have informed and support the change. • The strength of clinical evidence underpinning the proposal and the support of senior clinicians whose services will be affected by the change. • How the proposed service change affects choice for patients, particularly with regard to quality and service improvement.

10.	To enable the Panel to reach an informed decision, representatives from Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board will be attendance at the meeting. A request has also been made for feedback from Healthwatch Southampton. If this is forthcoming it will be presented at the meeting.
11.	Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust have also drafted a service development summary, attached as Appendix 3, to provide wider context to the OPMH proposals. The briefing includes reference to the Care Quality Commission (CQC) report published in April 2023 following inspections of the Trust's mental health inpatient units. A copy of the inspection report can be accessed here: Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust - Acute wards for adults of working age and psychiatric intensive care units (cqc.org.uk)
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
12.	Identified in the briefing paper attached as Appendix 1.
<u>Property/Other</u>	
13.	Identified in the briefing paper attached as Appendix 1.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
14.	The powers relating to health scrutiny and substantial variations can be found in Part 12, s244 of the 2006 Act, and more explicitly in the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
15.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
16.	None.
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
17.	None
KEY DECISION	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None directly as a result of this report
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	Briefing Paper - Proposals to redesign inpatient Older Persons Mental Health (OPMH) services
2.	Framework for Assessing Substantial Change in NHS provision
3.	Briefing Paper – Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust service developments

Documents In Members' Rooms	
1.	None
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out?	Yes
Data Protection Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out?	No
Other Background Documents Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:	
Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None