

7 September 2021**Agenda Item: 4****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****BASSETLAW MENTAL HEALTH ENGAGEMENT AND PROPOSALS –
INTERIM UPDATE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide a further briefing on the proposals for the development of mental health services in Bassetlaw and the engagement on these proposals.

Information

2. This topic was last on the agenda of the Health Scrutiny Committee in July 2021 when Members decided to defer a decision on whether the proposals were in the interests of the local health service due to a lack of timely information, in particular, the full analysis of the engagement on the proposals. Members will recall that the proposals relate to in-patient mental health wards at Bassetlaw Hospital, and improvements to this service to better accommodation and provision in Mansfield.
3. The Committee had previously been advised that a key driver for change was that current provision comprised mixed wards of a size that exceeded guidance of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and featured dormitory accommodation, which breached current quality guidance. Provision also catered for both organic and functional patients, which again countered good practice. In addition, a potential solution identified was the creation of an Adult Mental Health inpatient unit for mid-Notts and Bassetlaw patients at Sherwood Oaks, and for a similar inpatient facility for older people at Millbrook
4. Engagement took place in March and April 2021 and, following independent analysis and verification, the CCG made its decision in relation to the proposals at the Governing Body meeting on 20 July 2021.
5. An update paper from Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group in relation to the proposals is attached as an appendix to this report. The CCG Governing Body papers can be accessed via the links in the background papers section at the end of this covering report.
6. Idris Griffiths, Chief Officer, Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group will attend the Health Scrutiny Committee to brief Members and answer questions.

7. Members are requested to consider and comment on the information provided regarding the engagement and proposals; determine if the proposed change is in the interests of the local health service and schedule further updates and monitoring of the implementation of the proposals, particularly travel mitigation for carers and staff.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Consider and comment on the information provided regarding the engagement and proposals.
- 2) Determine if the proposed change is in the interests of the local health service.
- 3) Schedule further updates and monitoring of the implementation of the proposals, and measures put in place to mitigate travel difficulties for carers and staff.

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Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Specific Mental Health Engagement link - <https://www.bassetlawccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/how-to-get-involved/bassetlaw-mental-health-engagement>

Board papers in totality – <https://www.bassetlawccg.nhs.uk/publication/14701-consideration-of-transformational-change-in-the-provision-of-mental-health-services-in-bassetlaw>
<https://www.bassetlawccg.nhs.uk/publication/14702-consideration-of-transformational-change-in-the-provision-of-mental-health-services-in-bassetlaw-appendices-1-10>
<https://www.bassetlawccg.nhs.uk/publication/14703-consideration-of-transformational-change-in-the-provision-of-mental-health-services-in-bassetlaw-appendices-11-12>

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