



meeting	JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
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## Report of the Chair of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

### Social Inclusion and Wellbeing Service

#### Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust

#### Purpose of the report

1. To allow the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee to receive an update on the progress that has been made developing a social inclusion and wellbeing service during the last 15 months.

#### Background

2. The Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee first considered the matter of a Social Inclusion and Wellbeing Service in September 2006, prior to the launch of the formal consultation. Following a number of meetings where members examined issues relating to the proposals the Committee made an interim response to the proposals.
3. Following the close of the consultation, the Trust returned to the Committee to inform Members of the public response to the consultation and the way in which the proposals had been adapted to incorporate the public view. Having considered this information, the Committee submitted a further response to the Trust, supporting the revised proposals. This response requested that the Trust return to the Committee in six months' time to update Members on progress made and to provide further information.
4. The Trust attended a meeting of the Joint Committee on 11 September 2007 to discuss:
  - Details of the implementation plan and progress to date;
  - An overview of how the Trust's services work together – an operational perspective – and how transitions will be managed;
  - Information on how services are being enhanced and how the new domains and pathways are to work;
  - Information on access and the use of resources such as buildings;

- Evidence of continued user involvement and the involvement of partners.

## Proposals

5. In September 2006, a report was presented to the Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust Board detailing the outcome of a review of the Day, Social Inclusion and Vocational Services provided by the Trust. The paper proposed that a Social Inclusion and Wellbeing Service should be developed to bring Trust services in line with national guidelines on supporting adults with mental health problems and to ensure that services were accessible to all communities. The service would be developed through the reconfiguration of existing services provided at the Broad Street Centre, Heathcote Arts, the Community Occupational Therapy Team (COT), Vocational Bridgebuilders and the Skills and Practical Activities Network (SPAN) on Foster Road.
6. The Wellbeing and Social Inclusion Service would provide support in five domains: Arts and Culture; Sport and Leisure; Education; Volunteering; and Employment. Each domain would have a Clinical Lead and a Bridgebuilder and would be supported by Support Time and Recovery Workers. All clients would be offered opportunities based upon their need and ability. Some services would be provided directly by the Trust whilst others would be delivered by mainstream providers. A transition team would be operational until July 2008 to manage the process and support clients moving from one service to another.
7. Following the public consultation, two major changes were made to the proposals as a result of public responses. These were:
  - “There will be three domains instead of five. Because of the connected activity and the potential to develop pathways, the Volunteering, Education, and Employment domains have merged to form the “Vocational” domain. The “Arts and Culture” domain remains. The “Sport and Leisure” domain has an additional dimension of well-being, to become the “Wellbeing, Sport and Leisure” domain.”
  - “The model retains both building bases, Broad Street/ Heathcote Arts and SPAN Foster Drive. It is proposed to retain all current buildings. Much of the discussion during consultation was about this topic, and a very clear message was given in relation to the importance of retaining “Safe Haven” for those individuals who would not easily move into mainstream placements. This includes those people using existing services, and those who may have this need in the future. This may be reviewed in the future. Whilst retaining these buildings there will be a change in their use.”
8. Having considered the public responses to the consultation the Committee forwarded the following statement, together with a request

for further information to the Board of the Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust:

“The Joint Health Scrutiny Committee considered proposals from Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust to develop a Wellbeing and Social Inclusion Service on 13 March 2007. The Joint Committee welcomes the proposals brought forward and the changes that have been made in response to public and patient involvement. The proposals appear to be in the interests of patients. The Joint Committee encourages the Trust to ensure the continued involvement of the public, users and partners in taking the proposals forward.”

### **Issues**

9. The Joint Health Scrutiny Committee requested that an update on progress by provided in September 2008. Representatives of the Trust will attend the meeting.

### **Recommendations**

10. It is recommended that  
  
the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee consider the update and identify any further information that is required.

**Councillor Chris Winterton**  
**Chair of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee**

Background papers: