

Wellbeing and Social Inclusion Service – Adult Mental Health October 2008 update to the Joint City/County Health Scrutiny Committee

The following report is presented to the Committee to demonstrate continued direction of travel and work undertaken since the previous paper presented in September 2007 was considered. (Appendix 1)

The Trust accepts that there has been a number of deferrals in relation to the update regarding Wellbeing and Social Inclusion and the reasons and rationale for this will be explained as part of this update.

Arising from the comments and outcomes of the public consultation the Steering Group identified in the September 2007 paper was established and this group started the consideration of all the issues arising from the public consultation and produced the initial move-forward action plan (Appendix 2)

At the Steering Group meeting held in February 2008 the group took pause to reflect on the wider implications, structures and frameworks necessary to ensure that specialist mental health wellbeing and social care service development had an appropriate fit into the wider integrated wellbeing and social care whole systems framework. It was clear that there was still significant work to be undertaken within the whole systems approach to necessitate a conscious slowing down of this element of Wellbeing and Social Inclusion until it could be demonstrated that service developments could be undertaken based on a 'good fit' with broader Wellbeing and Social Inclusion networks and that the critical factor in providing the network of services required were placed within formal partnership agreements and working models.

The Trust and Social Care Partners have developed a number of joint working initiatives and established single line management systems for service provision over the last few years. These were built in good faith around an initial memorandum of agreement demonstrating commitment to developing best practice partnership working. From a governance position it was felt the need to develop this into a formal partnership framework to clearly define areas of responsibility and accountability within the specific areas where partnership brought benefits to service provision. The Trust has been working with both Local Authority's Social Care Directors and senior management teams to move this forward and to establish such a partnership framework as the main foundation to support all the direct care provision we provide. This work is nearing its completion and will give the supportive framework to build our integrated wellbeing and social care intervention models upon.

Since the early part of this year the Trust, working with Health and Social Care partners, has been reviewing the changing nature of commissioning and service provision in line with the Darzi Report and the requirements of World Class Commissioning. This has necessitated a further review of community based mental health services in relation to service models and integrated working between health and social care. The ability to ensure community services

linkages and care pathway integration was considered essential in the development of our Wellbeing and Social Inclusion Services. This work is still ongoing and has a direct impact on ensuring integrated care pathway working is embedded within our wellbeing and social care service teams and as such will need to be completed before further wellbeing and social care needs modelling changes can be fully considered. Following a successful Wellbeing and Social Inclusion workshop, led by Jon Wilson, Service Director: Mental Health and Learning Disabilities, Nottinghamshire County Council, there is agreement between health and social care to establish a wider long term joint project, with the intention to recruit a project manager across the partnership to take this work forward.

The action plan attached as appendix 2, as stated above, was initially developed in the summer of 2007 and the first four columns show where the service expected to be up to March 2008. In light of the decision to slow the pace the final column shows the position as it stands at this moment in time. In some areas where the required wider systems changes have no direct impact work has continued and this is shown in the table.

The Executive Director for Local Services Division of the Trust will be in attendance at the meeting as will Jim Walker to give more detailed response to any issues members of the committee may have.

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