LEARNING DISABILITY ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT UNIT – update for the HWBB

Our local delivery of the national Transforming Care programme (Winterbourne View) over the last few years has significantly improved the lives of people with learning disabilities and autism in Enfield. NHS Enfield CCG and Enfield Council jointly reviewed health and care resources attached to our admission and treatment pathway. We reconfigured our resources to concentrate on providing personalised care and support in the community; to improve health and wellbeing with the ambition of reducing avoidable hospital admissions. Everything we do, collectively, focusses on supporting people with learning disabilities to remain healthy and well, and connected to their community.

In 2013 /14, we invested in a nurse–led community intervention service that has been successful in reducing avoidable admissions to our specialist learning disabilities Assessment and Treatment Service – Seacole which is located within the Chase Farm Hospital site. The community intervention service offers holistic, personalised home treatment support for people with learning disabilities who are at risk of falling into crisis. Since the service was set up we have seen a significant reduction in admissions to ATU services; from 10 people at any given time to 2 people being admitted on average. This is a significant achievement.

Central and North West London Foundation Trust (CNWLFT) is our local provider of specialist ATU provision for people with learning disabilities. This service is called Seacole and is located at the Chase Farm Hospital site. Due to a significant reduction in admissions over the last couple of years, CNWLFT conducted a viability assessment of the service in 2015 and CNWLFT's Board of Trustees endorsed plans on the 17th of February to decant the remaining 6 beds to a comparable specialist learning disabilities Assessment and Treatment service in Kingswood in Brent in order to continue to provide good quality and safe services.

NHS Enfield CCG will continue to commission 1.8 beds per annum from CNWLFT at the Kingswood service. This is to ensure that people with learning disabilities from Enfield will continue to have access to good quality, safe and efficient assessment and treatment services in a crisis when needed. Our community intervention team and the CCG's nurses will continue to attend weekly ward rounds at Kingswood to ensure that we operate within the same partnership arrangements with CNWLFT as we do currently and that treatment and discharge remains focussed. The Kingswood service is 19 miles away from Enfield and is 20 minutes away by vehicle. Public transport links are available.

We will be working with mainstream mental health services to ensure that services are accessible for people with learning disabilities especially those with mild to moderate needs.

Engagement with patients, individual families, carers and staff has already started. CNWLFT has offered assurance that discharge plans, transition and resettlement plans have been co-produced with patients and their parent / carers. Engagement with Commissioners from Enfield and other areas has already started too. CNWL has advised that they will aim to decant the service fully by the beginning of May 2016.