

Health Wellbeing & Adult Care Scrutiny

Delivering An Effective Social Care System

Transformation Programme Update – 4th March 2014

1. Purpose of the Report

Following the decision by Cabinet on the 26th July 2012 to take forward proposals on Residential Care for Older People and Day Opportunities, it has been agreed with the Chair of the Scrutiny Commission that brief information reports will be provided for each Scrutiny meeting. These reports will provide a real time update on progress and issues with an opportunity to request further detailed information if required. This is the eighth update for Scrutiny since the July 2012 Cabinet decisions.

2. Residential Care for Older People Update

Residents

- St Peters and Bowmead elderly persons homes are due to close by 31 March 2014 and care management assessments are progressing well.
- There are 8 residents at Bowmead and 11 at St Peters (as at 21/1/14).
- To date 128 residents have been placed successfully in alternative placements (across all homes affected by the closures).
- This work is being done well and sensitively by the social work team, supported by care home staff.
- There are now 84 residents remaining in BCC residential care, 37 of this total being at Redfield Lodge.

Staff

- Closure of the homes to date continues to have been completed without any compulsory redundancies.
- We have redeployed 56 staff and 119 have taken Voluntary Severance (VS).
- No staff have appealed against VS as it is voluntary and therefore there is no right of appeal.
- There have been no grievances in relation to our VS programme.

3. Dementia Care Home Project (new homes on the former Brentry and Greville Sites created by a strategic partnership with an external partner)

- We went out to tender for the creation of two new dementia care homes on 6th February and the closing date for initial bids (Pre Qualification Questionnaire submission stage) is 14th March 2014.
- The procurement process will use a competitive dialogue process and is expected to complete by February 2015.
- Homes are expected to be open in 2017.

4. Bristol Retirement Living (Extra Care Housing)

- We are due to go out to tender in April for a partner to develop and run an extra care housing community in South Bristol. This development will also include a dementia care home.
- Work continues on the preparation of a potential business case, for the capital required for future additional sites needed to deliver 528 units of ECH, in line with the report to Cabinet in October 2013.
- Joint work with South Gloucestershire Council on the Coldharbour Lane development is continuing, where expected completion likely to be in 2016..

5. Day Opportunities Update

Service Users

- New Horizons closed in January 2014 as planned, with the majority of people receiving new services at the new Bristol Community Links South, day opportunities hub.
- Extensive building work to refurbish Lanercost continues and this will become the new Bristol Community Links North (BCL North) day opportunities hub.
- Works have been delayed at Lanercost by recent bad weather, which have prevented safe access to the roof.
- It is now anticipated that the new BCL North centre building work will be completed in May, with an official Mayoral summer launch date for the new service.

Staffing

- To date 49 staff have opted for voluntary severance and this includes the final closure of Lockleaze day centre which is due to close in July 2014.

Care Management

- The contract for the supply of the new ICT system has been signed and work has started to build the new system.
- Work has started to plan data migration across a number of social care record and financial systems.
- Assistive technology needs have been scoped to ensure support is in place for staff.

Better Care Fund

- The Transformation Team have also been involved in work in developing the Better Care Fund bid to NHS England for plans to integrate health and social care in Bristol.
- The fund will see the creation of a pooled budget of approximately £30m between the Council and Bristol Clinical Commissioning Group.
- Initial planning proposals were approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 11th March.

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