

WINTERBOURNE VIEW UPDATE

Summary

1. The Head of the Council's Integrated Commissioning Unit has been invited to provide an update on progress made on the Winterbourne View multi-agency action plan.

Background

2. The events exposed by Panorama in 2011 relating to Winterbourne View (a private hospital for people with learning disabilities and autism, in Bristol) have led to a number of changes in the way in which the Council commissions services for people with learning disabilities whose needs present as challenging to services. This work has taken place both locally and nationally, and was considered as part of this Panel's 2011 in-depth scrutiny of Safeguarding Adults. Regular updates have also been provided to the Council's Health and Well Being Board.

3. At local level, Worcestershire developed a protocol and action plan to ensure that placements were safe and effective. Changes were made to the way that specialist, generally locked in environments for people with learning disabilities are commissioned, which has also been extended to commissioning for people with mental illness and for children with complex needs.

4. Progress against the action plan and placements in Worcestershire was reported to the Council's Health and Well-being Board in May 2014, at which point all points had been completed or were nearing completion.

5. Monitoring of outcomes from Winterbourne View forms part of the Panel's 2015 work programme, recently endorsed by the Council's over-arching Scrutiny Board. As part of its remit, the Panel also meets regularly with the Independent Chair of Worcestershire's Safeguarding Adults Board, and a further discussion is planned later this year.

6. Further information on the headlines from the action plan and an update on people remaining in hospital has been requested for the Panel's discussion.

Purpose of this Meeting

7. The Panel will seek assurances about progress made on the Winterbourne View action plan

Next Steps

8. Arising from the discussion, members are asked to determine whether any further information or action is required at this stage.

Supporting

- Appendix 1 – Worcestershire Joint-Agency Action Plan Post

Information

Winterbourne View

- Appendix 2 - NHS Funded Placements for Children and Adults - Protocol for Effective Management
- Appendix 3 – Position relating to people in locked hospitals with a Learning Disability, Autism and/or Mental Illness

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following background papers relate to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda and Minutes of Health and Well-being Board on 13 May 2014 – available on the Council's website at:
<http://worcestershire.moderngov.co.uk/uucoverpage.aspx?bcr=1>
- Safeguarding Adults Scrutiny Report (November 2011) - available on the Council's website at:
http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/downloads/file/3280/safeguarding_adults