

REPORT FOR SCRUTINY BOARD 21 NOVEMBER 2012

Integrated CIC Bed Programme South Unit (ex Harry Booth House)

In February 2012 Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) considered a report from the Director of Adult Social Care that provided an overview of the development of the City's first intermediate residential care facility in the south of Leeds.

The service will form an integrated part of a seamless continuum of services linking health promotion, preventative services, social care, and support for carers and acute hospital care. It supports the future commissioning priorities of Adult Social Care to work with health partners to reshape services at the intermediate tier and provide a service that is responsive and prevents older people needing access to more intensive health and social care support services.

More specifically this jointly commissioned community based service will provide short term assessment, rehabilitation, re-ablement and recovery care, delivered by an integrated health and social care team lead by Leeds Community Healthcare Trust in a residential community setting

Based at ex Harry Booth House in Beeston, the service aims to:

- Enable older people to return to and remain in their own home and to prevent avoidable admissions to hospital and into long-term care.
- Promote an ethos of re-ablement with the aim of maximising the independence of service users.
- Work in a co-ordinated and integrated way with complimentary community based health and social care services and share the responsibility for achieving improved customer outcomes
- Provide a high quality recovery and reablement service within in a safe environment

Since the submission of the last report to Scrutiny Board, much more detailed negotiations have taken place with NHS Leeds Community Healthcare Trust aimed at developing this new operating model integrating clinical, therapeutic and social care staff within a single intermediate care unit. In terms of works required to ex Harry Booth House, the primary focus has been on the extensive changes to the building required to reach the very high levels of infection control required to promote faster recovery from illness thereby preventing unnecessary acute hospital re- admission and premature admission to long-term residential care. Complex discussions on the physical changes required extended the design process and delayed the operational date beyond that originally reported to Scrutiny Board.

Following the consideration of a design and cost report to Executive Board in June 2012, the refurbishment of ex Harry Booth House to provide the first integrated intermediate care unit was approved and included within the Council's Capital Programme. Following a tender process, work to adapt ex Harry Booth House commenced in October 2012 and is progressing to programme. The new unit will be handed back by the contractor in early February giving time for furniture and specialist equipment to be installed and IT and nurse call/telecare systems to be commissioned.

The planned operational date for the south unit is the 1 April 2013. Recruitment of the clinical team by Leeds Community Healthcare Trust is now well underway in preparation for the opening of the unit. Care and support staff from ex Harry Booth House will be offered the opportunity to return to work in the new unit should they wish. The Council will retain ownership of the building and provide all hotel services under the new integrated arrangements.

Key performance indicators have been drafted by commissioners to monitor improvements on baseline data supplied from the existing dispersed CIC beds and Seacroft V Ward. These include:

- reductions in length of stay
- increased numbers of referrals from the community
- reductions in the levels of health associated infections
- reductions in dependency at discharge
- reduction in transfers to hospital and long term care
- service user satisfaction

A new name for ex Harry Booth House will be unveiled in the near future following consultation with the Executive Member for Adult Social Care, local members, local community groups and ex residents of Harry Booth House.