



Report to Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee 21st June 2022

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Subject: Proposed relocation of step-down services from Wainwright Crescent to Lightwood House

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Summary:

Wainwright Crescent is a 11-bedded unit providing step-down care for adults who have been discharged from SHSC mental health inpatient wards who need alternative support as part of their community care plan. It is used by c60-65 people each year.

It is registered by the Care Quality Commission as a social care support service.

The current environment is very poor and does not support the provision of dignified, respectful of modern community-based care and support. There are significant limitations on opportunities to deliver meaningful improvements within the current building layout – and costs would be prohibitive for the current owner of the premises (Sheffield City Council) or the Trust.

Following a period of engagement and consultation with current and future service users Sheffield Health and Social Care NHSFT and Sheffield CCG would propose to relocate the current service to Lightwood House.

What does this mean for the people of Sheffield?

The proposed facility would be a significant improvement on the Wainwright Crescent facility which as a 40 year old building has had limited improvements over the years. Relocating the service to Beech would provide and enable

- Therapeutic care and support in a modern facility
- Dignity and privacy with 100 % of bedrooms providing en-suite facilities and able to provide separated sleeping
- Meaningful activities through more and flexible private and communal space and better local leisure facilities

In appraising Beech as an option, the following were undertaken

- a) Full Quality and Equality Impact Assessment, approved by Medical and Nursing Directors
- b) Environmental risk assessment appropriate to the needs of the client group
- c) Re-registration appraisal of the service and proposed move with the Care Quality Commission who have visited the proposed new location and approved registration.
- d) Engagement and consultation with stakeholders (current and future service users, staff, commissioning leads, Healthwatch)

Impacts arising from the proposed relocation

- a) Impacts on care of people using the service, as highlighted through the QEIA, were very low and manageable. This is summarised in Section, and the full QEIA is attached at Appendix 3.
- b) Following a full risk assessment of the Beech facility the environment is suitable to the needs of the client group. The environment is of a higher standard and quality, provides for en-suite accommodation as opposed to the current shared bathroom/ toileting facilities, delivers on infection prevention and control standards, provides improved communal facilities and private space for visitors and activities, and improved local provision of green space and leisure facilities.
- c) The impact of a reduction to 10 beds (from the current 11 beds) was low and current improvements in flow will mitigate the reduced bed numbers. This is summarised in Section 2.5.3 (b) of the attached briefing, with supporting information at Appendix B.
- d) Service user and staff views regarding a proposed move have been positive with the improved environment and facilities considered a clear benefit and gain.
- e) The change in location will impact on increased travelling times for some visitors. As a city-wide service any change in location will result in some people being closer, and others being further away, as is the current position at Wainwright Crescent. The impact of this is considered to be minimal, with comparative information on travelling times suggesting an increase in travelling of 1-2 miles or 5-10 minutes travelling time on public transport. This is summarised in Section 3.2 (d) and at Appendix A

Recommendation

For the Committee to consider if the proposed service relocation represents a substantial change, or if they would support the change to continue with implementation, with the service continuing to engage with service users in keeping with the current approach.

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The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

Support the decision to relocate Wainwright Crescent to the Lightwood Site

Background Papers:

Proposal Paper and SHSC NHS Trust QIEA included.

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