REPORT FOR: Harrow Health & Wellbeing Board

Date of Meeting:

1st August 2013

Subject:

Initial Stocktake of Progress against Key

Winterbourne View Concordat

Commitments

Responsible Officer: Bernie Flaherty

Director of Adult Social Services

Exempt: No

Initial Stocktake of Progress against key

Winterbourne View Concordat Commitment

Enclosures: (PDF)

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report accompanies, and outlines the Winterbourne Stocktake which was submitted to the Winterbourne Programme on 5th July.

The report was agreed jointly and submitted on time. It is an early analysis of progress and issues anticipated in delivering the programme.

Recommendations:

Information Only



Section 2 – Report

Background

The Winterbourne Programme was established to ensure all local areas deliver the commitments set out in the Concordat that followed the appalling care quality at Winterbourne View Assessment & Treatment Centre.

The stocktake aims to provide and initial snapshot of progress. It covers 11 areas relevant to the programme and approximately 60 individual questions. It is intended to test the strength of partnerships as well as to identify areas in which support will be needed. All areas were asked to ensure that we were honest about challenges we may face in delivering the programme. It is likely that Stocktakes will be published.

Current situation

Harrow was successful in agreeing the Stocktake between the council and the CCG and submitting it on time. The final submission outlined four areas of challenge that we are facing locally.

The challenges we outlined in our response include:

- Both the council and the CCG have concerns about how services will be funded in the future and how arrangements will be agreed
- We currently lack an agreed Dispute Resolution Policy, but have committed to agreeing one as soon as we can
- The reviews have not been considered as fully as we would wish so far, and we need to work together to ensure that we have a full and thorough understanding of needs and potential future placements
- That until recently we had not agreed the process for working together to consider Winterbourne clients

We feel that we have made considerable progress in all of the challenges identified and are confident that we have processes in place for working through them.

We have a Task & Finish group in place to deliver the full programme of change. The Health & Wellbeing Board were updated on Winterbourne milestones in March.

We have committed within the Stocktake to keep the Health & Wellbeing Board updated and informed. We will provide a progress report every three to six months.

Financial Implications

This paper is for information only. There are no financial implications to the Stocktake.

We have identified within the Stocktake that we expect there to be financial challenges as we work through the commitments in the Concordat. These will be tackled through the Task & Finish Group.

Risk Management Implications

This paper is for information only. There are no specific risk management implications to the Stocktake.

The Stocktake refers to risks and concerns in relation to implementation of the Concordat.

Equalities implications

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? No

The Stocktake is a snap-shot analysis of progress in relation to Winterbourne actions. There will be a full EqIA undertaken as part of the development of a new strategy for adult with challenging behaviour which is one of these actions.

Corporate Priorities

Please identify which corporate priority the report incorporates and how:

Supporting and protecting people who are most in need.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Roger Hampson	X	on behalf of the* Chief Financial Officer
Date: 24 July 2013		

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: Initial Stocktake of Progress against key Winterbourne View Concordat Commitment (PDF)