

Foundation Trust – a brighter future

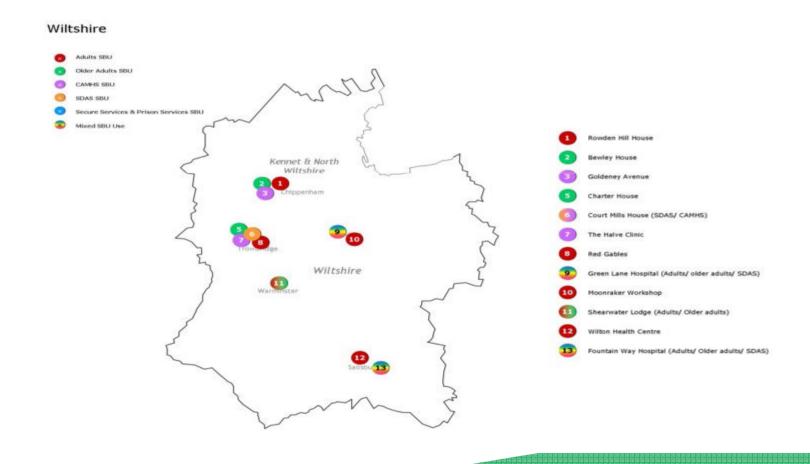


Learning Together

- Aims of today:
 - What is a Foundation Trust?
 - What difference could it make?
 - Engagement … what are we doing?
 - Your questions and ideas



Mental Health Services in Wiltshire





Becoming a sustainable organisation





What is a Foundation Trust?

- An independent Public Benefit Corporation a democratic membership organisation – like, for example, the Co-op – where the members are local people, service users, carers, staff and representatives from key partner organisations.
- **Still an NHS organisation** complying to NHS **standards** (e.g. Standards for Better Health) and **philosophy** (free at the point of delivery, needs based and equitable)
- Accountable to and monitored by an independent regulator MONITOR
- Greater freedom and flexibility
- Gateway to new opportunities



Examples of what a Foundation Trust can do

Oxleas Mental Health Foundation Trust gave their governors a specific challenge:

To focus on helping service users on the road to recovery and finding them work.

The Trust, backed by its governors, worked with Job Centre Plus, the local police and the chamber of commerce – organisations that could help with jobs, housing and community involvement.



Examples of what a Foundation Trust can do

Prior to becoming an FT Gloucestershire Hospital Trust had to provide all their chemotherapy on one site which meant long journeys for patients.

As a FT the Trust teamed up with a local charity, to fit out a mobile community unit that takes the treatment out to people in their own communities.



What it will it mean to be a member?

- Can use membership vote to have more influence and control
- ✓ Board of Governors recruit the Chair and CEO direct influence on the direction of the Trust.
- ✓ Part of a business owned by its members less national control, can respond to the needs of the client population
- Our members will help us develop the right services to meet the right needs in the right way, at the right time and in the right place.



EngagementWhat are we doing?

- During October, November and December 2007 we want to talk with as diverse a range of people as possible, across the whole of our varied geographical area, rural as well as urban.
- We would like to know your ideas about:
 - Our Foundation Trust membership
 - How we should consult with people
 - How we could go about recruiting members
 - Speaking out for mental health
- During January and February 2008 we will review all your ideas.
 What you say now will help us decide exactly what we will ask people about during our public consultation, which we are planning to start in March 2008



Learning Together – Key Questions

- We will invite our members to get involved in some of the Trust's work. What activities do you think our members should be involved in? e.g. patient information, fundraising, strategy working groups
- We want to talk to and listen to as many people as possible do you have any suggestions for the best way of reaching people?
- What ideas do you have for activities that would help us recruit members?
- How can we help people in the local community to talk about mental health?



Thank you!

- Thank you for taking part
- Your feedback and involvement will help us with our Consultation
- If you know of a family member or friend who would like to express an interest in becoming a member, have any suggestions, questions or just want to find out more information please:
 - Visit: <u>www.awp.nhs.uk/foundationtrust</u>
 - Email: foundationtrustinfo@awp.nhs.uk
 - Telephone FT administrator on 01249 468000
- Please complete your feedback forms and let us know of further meetings we can attend