

WINTERBOURNE VIEW ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Update June 2014

Since May 2013 Wiltshire CCG and Wiltshire Council has overseen the implementation of a series of recommendations arising from the publication of the Department of Health report in December 2012 "Transforming Care: a National Response to Winterbourne View Hospital ". This report outlines progress in making improvements in the delivery of the Department of Health's recommendations.

Work on the action plan is being progressed through the jointly commissioned Winterbourne View Board which is now re-named the Learning Disability Programme board and is coordinating all related work programmes to avoid duplication. This Board consists of CCG and Council representatives.

People with Learning disabilities in hospital

Overall, there are now 5 people with Learning disabilities in hospital settings from Wiltshire. Three are on a s3 of whom two are Winterbourne View people, one is in a low security placement, recalled by the Ministry of Justice under section 32 of the Mental Health Act. There are robust care management transition plans in place for all these four to ensure local community type placements. The final one is a new admission this week from prison where the intention is to plan for a community placement.

This positive information contrasts well with pre Winterbourne View statistics where Wiltshire had over 12 people with learning disabilities in hospital placements. These favourable statistics demonstrate the hard work undertaken by the learning disabilities team. This information has been fed back to the DoH and ADASS and contrasts positively with recent concerns expressed by the Minister, Norman Lamb. These concerns were based on the fact that there were over 3000 patients with Learning Disabilities in secure hospitals at the time of Winterbourne view and there are a similar number now.

The government intention has been to eliminate the need for such placements but after a high level of national scrutiny it has become clear that there will be an ongoing need for some secure placements. Whilst the number of people in secure hospitals is similar to 3 years ago this statistic hides the fact that the majority of these are different patients from those included within the initial statistics. Across the country and in Wiltshire there has been a major effort to move people to community settings. However it has become apparent that there will continue to be a need for a small number of new secure placements for people with Learning Disabilities, particularly where they are detained under Mental Health legislation.

Follow up on Wiltshire ex-Winterbourne view people

All people supported by Wiltshire have been reviewed and assisted where appropriate to move back to their own community. Work is ongoing to return the final 2 of the 9 cases back to the area but this will be achieved after the original June

2014 deadline. Placements have now been secured for both individuals and transition plans are in place to support them back into the community.

Award for Wiltshire Joint Working

Finally the Board is asked to note that the Wiltshire Learning Disabilities team were presented with an internal award by Great Western Hospital last month for its joint work supporting people affected by Winterbourne View.

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