

**Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee**  
**Mental Health Enquiry Day December 2017**  
**Response to report from Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group and Dorset HealthCare**

As requested this is the response from Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust (DHC) concerning the Mental Health Enquiry Day's recommendations.

We were specifically asked what we agree with and what we do not agree with but we have framed it slightly differently because there are no disagreements about the finding but there is a concern about duplicating work where it could be shared.

**Agreement**

1. It was a great pleasure for Dorset CCG and representatives from Dorset HealthCare to be involved in the Mental Health Enquiry Day. It was enlightening, lively, challenging and hopeful.
2. The key themes to emerge were the same key themes that emerged from the MH Acute Care Pathway Review and as such are helping to shape the implementation of the new MH Acute Care Pathway. The themes are the drivers for the service developments especially for the Retreats and for the Community Front Rooms that will be located in the DCC area.
3. The discussions were lively and highlighted the current challenges in mental health provision for example reductions in supported housing, the increase in the use of the mental health act, employment/benefits and mental health crisis care. All of which resonate with the CCG and Dorset HealthCare because these issues are being addressed through a number of transformation programmes in mental health.
4. The notion of developing a delivery plan is a sound one and will enable progress to be reported as needed to ensure that positive change happens. The CCG has a robust Mental Health Delivery Plan in place. The delivery plan focusses on the key areas of transformation including NHS mandated targets. The CCG is accountable to NHS England for the outcomes of the plan. The plan includes mental health crisis care, psychiatric liaison, waiting time and access targets for Crisis Resolution Home Treatment, Eating Disorders and Early intervention services. Also included is Individual Placement Support which focusses on employment.
5. Joint working and collaboration are welcome at all levels and the CCG and Dorset HealthCare are keen to collaborate and jointly work to deliver better mental health care including early help to prevent crisis escalation.

### **Not disagreement but concern about duplication**

1. The CCG has a Mental Health Delivery Plan in place and monitored to ensure the delivery of all the programmes of change in mental health services and so is it worth building on that rather than creating a new one that is in effect a duplicate? It would need work to develop it but it could be the basis without having another one that we have to monitor and work with.
2. Attached is the current MH delivery plan and this shows all the areas of development including access targets etc. The delivery plan is monitored through the Mental Health Integrated Programme Board (MHIPB) which has the governance responsibility for all 20 transformational programmes across the system including the MH ACP and Rehab and psychiatric liaison review and CAMHS transformation.
3. It is worth noting at this point that most of the key people involved in transformational programmes work across many projects and so the same people work together for most of the programmes.
4. The MHIPB has just been launched but key partners are involved/included on the board some key members plus invited people as and when required dependent upon the item being discussed. The board might be the best conduit for achieving joint work on the key areas highlighted in the MH enquiry day rather than having another joint commissioning group. Elaine Hurl, Senior Commissioning Manager, represents Bournemouth Local Authority at the MHIPB and Harry Capron has recently been invited to attend from DCC.
5. The MHIPB feeds up to the Integrated Community Primary Care Services Board to ensure that the CCG achieves the agreed objectives in the delivery plan.



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