



Putting People First

- public consultation about changes in Buckinghamshire's mental health services
- consultation by Buckinghamshire's 3 Primary Care Trusts and Buckinghamshire Mental Health NHS Trust
- from 1 September – 30 November 2005
- you can respond online, in writing, by email or at a public meeting

Why are we consulting?

- developments in local mental health services outside hospital since 2003
- opportunity to strengthen community services and reduce need for hospital care
- inpatient units in Amersham and Aylesbury are too small for future safety and staffing
- want to bring together mental health and social care services in South Bucks
- want to share our thinking and hear views

South Bucks transfer

Current situation:

- South Bucks is only part of the county where mental health and social care are not delivered by the same organisation
 - assessment and case management not joined up

Proposal:

- Transfer responsibility for managing mental health services for South Bucks to the Buckinghamshire Mental Health NHS Trust
 - single key worker, information system & records
 - reduction in repeat assessments for service users
 - speedier access to social care placements
 - simpler system for local GPs

Stronger community services

Current situation:

- new services introduced since 2003
 - e.g. crisis resolution, home treatment, assertive outreach
- pattern of 24/7 services developing; some gaps
- evidence and experience of these services reducing need for inpatient care

Proposals:

- more staff for crisis resolution & home treatment
- second 7-day acute day hospital (in Aylesbury)
- residential crisis service in southern Bucks
- mental health liaison service in A&E departments

Day care for Buckingham area

Current situation

- older people with dementia in Buckingham and the surrounding area attend the Embleton Day Unit at Buckingham Hospital
- staff work there and cannot support other sites

Proposal

- staff provide specialist input to day services run by Red Cross and Age Concern in Buckingham and Steeple Claydon
- day hospital care meeting more complex needs continues to be provided in Aylesbury

New inpatient facilities



Current situation

- small and dispersed inpatient units
 - difficult to staff safely now and in future
 - sustaining small units would threaten investment in community services
- poor quality inpatient facilities
 - Haleacre and Tindal wards do not meet current or future environmental standards
 - John Hampden Unit and Manor House also unsuitable for future care
 - lack of women-only facilities

New inpatient facilities



Proposals:

- new inpatient unit for adults of working age at Manor House, Aylesbury
 - replacing Haleacre Unit and Tindal Centre
- new inpatient unit for older people with mental illness at Stoke Mandeville Hospital
 - replacing John Hampden Unit at Stoke Mandeville
 - inpatient care for older people with functional illness would transfer there from Amersham Hospital
- extended inpatient unit for older adults with organic illness at Amersham Hospital
 - inpatient care for organic illness continues at SMH and Amersham

Transport



- we want to invest our money differently in developing community services and better inpatient services
- this will mean longer travel times for some to inpatient care
 - but move to fewer and shorter hospital admissions
- we would like to hear views on improving:
 - transport for service users to e.g. day services
 - help for carers to visit future inpatient sites

Meeting long-term needs



Current situation

- historic shortage of community support and housing
- many long-term inpatients no longer need hospital care
- hospital environments are unsuitable
- community services and supported housing now provide alternatives

Proposals

- support more people outside hospital and close an inpatient rehabilitation unit (Aylesbury or Wycombe)
- resettle people from a long-stay ward at Manor House and close it within two years

Care based on need, not age



Current situation

- some services are restricted to people aged under or over 65
- services should not discriminate on basis of age, but be based on need

Proposals

- crisis resolution & home treatment to be available for people 65+ from spring 2006
- transfer inpatient care for people under 65 with dementia from Manor House to countywide dementia service (including inpatient care at Amersham and Stoke Mandeville)

How to respond



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