

South Essex Health and Care Partners Briefing Note – September 2018

Proposal to Increase Adult Mental Health Inpatient Capacity (for Winter 2018/19), Relocate Cumberlege Intermediate Care Centre (CICC) in Southend to the Rochford Hospital Site and the Development / Relocation of the St Luke's Primary Health Care Facility on the former CICC Site

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A paper to HOSC is being finalised with system partners to propose the urgent creation of additional adult mental health inpatient beds (16 – 20 beds from 01 December). Opportunistically this will release capacity to relocate the Cumberlege Intermediate Care Centre and secure £1.5 million NHS Funding to continue the development of the St Luke's primary care centre. The paper will follow on 05 October.

The key components of the paper are:

- The creation of additional mental health inpatient adult beds (16 – 20) effective 01 December, is critical to address the huge demand on adult mental health inpatients. It is a matter of patient safety to provide this capacity.
- There are a series of ward moves required to facilitate the development of additional adult mental health capacity on the Basildon Mental Health Unit site. These are interim moves that are all reversible.
- The key population affected are the South East residents with 12 organic assessment beds to be relocated on a temporary basis from Maple Ward in Rochford. The average occupancy is for three Southend residents and nine Castle Point and Rochford residents. Discussions are just being concluded with the two CCGs on the preferred location of the temporary move and will be finalised in the paper for 05 October.
- For patient safety reasons, work on Cumberlege Intermediate Care Centre (CICC) has been suspended, thus halting the development of the St Luke's Primary Care facility. However, if the proposed mental health ward moves are supported, there is an opportunity to temporarily relocate the Cumberlege Intermediate Care Centre (CICC) in Southend to Maple Ward at Rochford Hospital. In turn this will enable the work on the St Luke's redevelopment to proceed, thus securing £1.5 million NHSE funding. If CICC does not move in the short term (two to three months) intermediate care capacity will remain reduced, the patient environment poor and the St Luke's primary care facility will not be built.
- In summary, this is a health and care system proposal that provides additional adult mental health inpatient capacity (16 – 20 beds) within resources, relocates CICC and secures the St Luke's Primary Care Centre.
 - No patient currently based on Maple Ward will be required to move to Thurrock.
 - The system commitment is that ward moves are temporary and reversible and that the permanent moves will be underpinned by a process of discussion and engagement with the wider community and all interested stakeholders.
 - The final piece of the proposal is to be agreed with the CCGs on 03 October with a view to the HOSC paper being shared on 05 October.

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