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Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNCIL SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH & WELL-BEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

20th January 2022

Report of the Head of Adult Services – Ms A. Thomas

Matter for Information

Wards Affected All wards

HEALTH BOARD PROPOSALS TO CHANGE OLDER PEOPLE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Purpose of the Report

To update Members in regard the proposed changes that are being made by Swansea Bay University Health Board (UHB) to Older People Mental Health Services which was presented on 16th September 2021.

Background

At the Cabinet meeting, 16th September 2021, Members were informed:

- Swansea Bay UHB are consulting on proposals to change the number of in-patient specialist older people mental health beds they provide.
- Pre-COVID there were 112 hospital beds for Older People Mental Health in the region, this is proposed to change to 75. Tonna hospital in Neath will have 15 beds and Ysbryd Y Coed in Swansea will have 60.
- The Health Board plan to re-furbish Tonna hospital.
- Short term assessment for the region will be at Ysbryd Y Coed.

Members will note the impacts on the Local Authority were outlined within the report and that the Director of Social Services, Health and Housing has written to the Chief Executive of Swansea Bay University Health Board outlining the concerns of the Local Authority, to the proposed changes.

Additionally, a letter was sent to the Chief Executive of Swansea Bay University Health Board on 5th October extending an invite to this Committee.

Financial impact

There are no specific financial impacts associated with this report, however as outlined above there are risks that the changes being proposed by the Health Board will have an impact on Local Authority finances as demand for services changes.

Integrated Impact Assessment

There is no requirement to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment as this report is for monitoring / information purposes.

Valleys Communities Impacts

No Implications.

Workforce impacts

There are no specific workforce impacts arising from this report, however the changes being proposed by the Health Board may impact on Local Authority staff as outlined above.

Legal impacts

There are no legal impacts in relation to this report.

Risk Management

There are no known risks associated with this item.

Crime and Disorder Impacts

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on the Council in the exercise of its functions to have “due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent:

- a)** Crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment);
- b)** The misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area; and
- c)** Re-offending the area”.

There is no impact under the Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

Counter Terrorism Impacts

The proposals are likely to have no impact on the duty to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Impacts

Section 2(1) of the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 introduced a general duty where a person exercising relevant functions must have regard (along with all other relevant matters) to the need to remove or minimise any factors which:

- (a) increase the risk of violence against women and girls, or
- (b) exacerbate the impact of such violence on victims.

The proposals contained in this report are likely to compliment and work alongside the impact on the above duty. VAWDA SV is included in the priorities of the Board under exploitation.

Consultation Outcome

Not applicable.

Recommendation

Not applicable – for information only.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

Not applicable – for information only.

Implementation of Decision

Not applicable – for information only.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Invitation Letter to Health Board Chief Executive
Extending Invite to Attend Scrutiny

List of Background Papers

Public Engagement Document by Swansea Bay UHB on changes to
Older People Mental Health Services.

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