South Tees and Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Clinical Commissioning Groups

South Tees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee 25th April 2018





CCG Response to Scrutiny concerns

Proposed changes to respite opportunities and short breaks for adults (18+) with complex needs and learning disabilities and or autism

Concerns raised across both Local Authorities

Correspondence – themes of concerns

- 1. Consultation robustness
- 2. Assessment and allocation and reducing offer
- 3. Safety of any new service

Assurance statements requested

- 1. Those currently in receipt of 33 nights respite at Bankfields will still have that option available to them, with the current level of clinical oversight in place should they wish to access it. It is acknowledged and accepted that the caveat to the above will be dependent on the individual and their carers meeting the assessment criteria that makes them eligible for the service.
- 2. CCG's will continue to commission from TEWV the current level of respite beds at Bankfields and Aysgarth and are committed to providing the required level of funding to deliver on this commitment
- 3. Supporting statement from TEWV to confirm that there is agreement in respect of future funding arrangements.

Assurance statement 1 (CCG)

- The CCGs give their assurance that the commissioned service will be based on the individuals needs, and will, in addition take into consideration the needs of the carer.
- The assessment of need will define the level of relative resource.
- All of this resource could be chosen to be utilised solely within the commissioned bed based respite.

Assurance statement 2 (CCG)

- The CCGs will continue to commission a service based on individual needs
- The CCGs have protected the level of respite funding across Tees
- The bed based service is commissioned by CCGs from the Tees Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV), there are no plans change that
- Contracts agreed and signed in March 2018 supporting this continuation

Assurance statement 3 (TEWV)

- The CCG have continued to commission and contract bed based respite provision for those with complex needs from TEWV
- As a provider TEWV are committed to continue to work with commissioners and stakeholders to ensure that services provided meet the needs of individuals in the most appropriate way, ensuring the necessary skills and competencies of those providing the services, which will include that for the bed based provision
- TEWV are committed to proactive recruitment and retention of Learning Disabilities Nurses. Current initiatives include; retire and return, nurse training secondment opportunities and development of nursing associate roles. This allows TEWV to ensure that we have an appropriately skilled and experienced workforce across our learning disabilities services, who will continue to provide high quality care to meet the complex health needs of the people who access our respite services both now, and in the future.

Next Steps

PHASE 1 2015 – Feb 2018	PHASE 2 (Approx. timescales) Feb – Sep 2018	PHASE 3 (Approx. timescales) Sep 2018 – Mar 2019	PHASE 4 (Approx. timescales) Mar 2019
DEVELOPMENT & CONSULTATION	SPECIFICATION REFINEMENT & ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	PROVIDERS SOLUTION	IMPLEMENTATION
TRANSITION PLANNING &	Co-production with individuals and families Case Management Specification and contracting Assessment & Allocation	 Contractual processes Implementation of Assessment & Allocation criteria 	New community provision & choice available
COMMUNICATION			

Any Questions?