

TITLE OF REPORT: North East and Cumbria Fast Track Learning Disability Transformation Plan

1. Purpose of the Report

To inform the Board and seek support and agreement for The North East and Cumbria Fast Track Learning Disability Transformation Plan.

Agree future governance and oversight arrangements for Gateshead progress on this.

2. Background

During the 1990's and 2000's there were many resettlement programmes for people with learning Disabilities, however there is still an over reliance on hospital settings for the care of people with learning disabilities and/or autism.

Following Winterbourne View and the Bubb Report the transformation programme developed. By improving our community infrastructure, supporting our workforce, avoiding crisis, earlier intervention and prevention we will be able to support people in the community so avoiding the need for hospital admission. This will result in the systematic closure of learning disability inpatient hospital beds over the next 5 years across the North East and Cumbria.

As highlighted in the North East and Cumbria's Fast Track Plan, the Transforming Care guidance emphasises the importance of local partnership working between commissioners from Local Government and the NHS, with an emphasis on the oversight and support of Health and Wellbeing Boards. The full document can be accessed through Council papers online for the HWB through the following link: https://myservice.gateshead.gov.uk/Committee/.lg/committeesearch.page?org.apache.shale.dialog.DIALOG_NAME=gfcommitteesearch&Param=lg.Committee

Nationally the Learning Disabilities Transforming Care Programme aims to reshape services for people with Learning Disabilities and or Autism with a mental health problem or behaviour that challenges, to ensure that more services are provided in the community and closer to home rather in hospital settings. The North East and Cumbria is one of five fast track sites selected because of high numbers of people with Learning Disabilities in inpatient settings. Fast track areas have access to a £10 million transformation fund to accelerate service redesign and each locality has been asked to produce a local plan that will feed into the overall planning bid.

Across the North East and Cumbria there are a number of different commissioning arrangements that are being reviewed with the aim of establishing

further pooled budget arrangements, joint contracts and alternative commissioning models to support delivery of this transformation plan.

3. Proposal

Gateshead has bid for £45,000 to be match funded by the CCG, this is to pump prime the transformation programme in Gateshead. Any funding will be used for the development of complex needs support with a particular emphasis on positive behaviour management.

A small cohort of providers will be identified and a framework will be developed. The funding will enable greater investment in skilling up these providers; this will range from specialist training in Positive Behaviour Support, Active Support principles, as well as working closely with providers so they fully understand their expectations and develop their services appropriately. This will cover aspects such as ongoing recruitment and retention, training requirements; support planning, managing risk, supervision and support, behavioural monitoring, access to specialist mentoring or supervision, systems for reflecting on and developing support strategies in a timely way. This process will involve significant engagement with providers to develop provision in this area and ensure services will be fit for purpose and be successful in preventing future hospital admission.

4. Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to support and agree the plan and, in particular, the Gateshead Locality Plan (attached).

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