

9th January 2014	ITEM: 7
Thurrock Health and Well-Being Board	
Learning Disability update regarding Learning Disability Health Checks, the Health and Social Care Learning Disability Self Assessment and the progress with the Winterbourne agenda for change.	
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This report is Public	
Purpose of Report: The purpose of this report is to inform the Health and Well Being Board about current progress with the learning disability health checks, the learning disability self assessment and the Winterbourne agenda for change	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There is a great deal of work currently being undertaken regarding care and support for people who have learning disabilities in Thurrock. The purpose of this update is to ensure that the Health and Well Being Board is fully informed of progress.

Annual Health Checks for people with learning disabilities continue to be high profile nationally and locally. The current situation remains as at the last report to the Board of the 14th November 2013. 80% of GP Practices in Thurrock have signed up to the Directly Enhanced Service (DES) to deliver health checks, NELFT are providing health checks for the remaining practices and are available to support other practices if there is a need. To date there has been no response from NHS England regarding the practices that did not deliver the health checks last year or with a plan to monitor the completion of health checks this year. There is no figure as to how many health checks have been completed since April 2013. However we are aware from some individual practices that Health Checks are being completed.

The Learning Disability Self Assessment has now been completed and submitted for 2013. The Self Assessment has changed considerably from last year. There is a great deal of information required to support the monitoring of the national implementation of the recommendations of the Department of Health Report Transforming Care: A National Response to Winterbourne View Hospital, (2012). The information focuses on admissions to assessment and treatment units, admissions to hospital, use to A and E services and recorded deaths in hospital. The self assessment also focuses heavily on the health

agenda around annual health checks, routine health screening appointments and specialist health care for those with autism and behaviour that challenges services. Nationally there has been considerable difficulty in obtaining the information and this has been acknowledged by the DOH who are aware that much data may be missing this year. In Thurrock we have done very well and colleagues within the CCG, CSU and Public Health have supported the completion of the document. A copy of the Self Assessment is attached for reference. In March 2014 a collation and analysis of data will be published to support Local Authorities and Health to improve further learning disability services.

The Winterbourne agenda for change is moving forward well in Thurrock as reported to the Board on the 11th July 2013. A collation of the data provided for the Winterbourne Stocktake, by all Local Authorities and CCG's is to be published shortly. The consensus view is that the majority of the work to date has focused on those people who we are required to be moved from long stay hospitals by April 2014.

In Thurrock there is good progress, in total there are now 9 people who require resettlement, all are on target for April 2014 apart from one person who at this point requires on going hospital support.

The key point highlighted in July remains regarding funding not following the person when they are funded by the East of England Specialist Commissioning Group. Work continues on this issue.

In Thurrock we continue to deliver positive monitoring of our independent sector providers of residential care. Over the last 18 months Thurrock's Contract Compliance Team have undertaken extensive announced and unannounced visits during the day, evenings, weekends and at night time. These have resulted in positive joint working with providers to make improvements where needed and providers have viewed the approach of the team as supportive. This approach has ensured that Thurrock's response to Winterbourne is proactive and supportive.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1.1 That the Health and Well Being Board are aware of the progress with Learning Disability Health Checks in Thurrock and that it remains a high on the Boards agenda.
- 1.2 That the Health and Well Being Board are aware that the Health and Social Care Learning Disability Self Assessment has been completed and submitted on time.
- 1.3 That the Health and Well Being Board are aware that good progress is being made with the Winterbourne View agenda for change.

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 Previous reports to the Health and Well Being Board have given the detail regarding the Learning Disability Annual Health Checks and the Winterbourne View agenda.
- 2.2 The Health and Social Care Learning Disability Self Assessment was introduced with the White Paper Valuing People it has been a consistent tool to support the development and implementation of the 11 objectives of the White Paper and all subsequent work around learning disability particularly within Health and the Winterbourne agenda. It gives key focus to issues that have remained of concern within learning disability such as equality within health care, employment opportunities, supported housing and the quality of long term residential support. The assessment gives a benchmarking tool across the country and affords the opportunity to learn from good practice nationally.

3. ISSUES, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS:

- 3.1 N/A

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

- 4.1 To ensure that the Health and Well Being Board are well informed regarding learning disability issues in Thurrock.

5. CONSULTATION (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 5.1 N/A

6. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

The failure to deliver high quality services and support would affect of a significant number of Thurrock residents, it is important therefore to recognise that health checks, the self assessment and the Winterbourne work supports the human rights of learning disabled people.

7. IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Financial

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There are no direct financial implication for this report. The Winterbourne work carries a level of financial risk to the Local Authority regarding the funding of alternative placements. A joint approach to this is being taken between the

Local Authority and the CCG, and both are aware of the potential impact through the budget setting for this financial year.

7.2 **Legal**

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There are no direct legal implications to this report

7.3 **Diversity and Equality**

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It is clear that the work being undertaken regarding all three areas of this report are key to ensuring that learning disabled people continue to be supported with dignity and respect, recognising their diversity needs. The Diversity Team will continue to monitor closely the delivery of this wider agenda.

7.4 **Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Section 17, Risk Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Sustainability, IT, Environmental**

N/A

BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT (include their location and identify whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

- Thurrock Health and Social Care Self Assessment

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