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Transforming mental health care in Bassetlaw – join the conversation!



Bassetlaw ICP is inviting local people to learn more about an ambitious programme of work being developed by partners to transform mental health services for Bassetlaw residents.

People across Bassetlaw are being asked by NHS Bassetlaw CCG to not only understand the range of proposed initiatives but also share their views on the future of mental health services. The NHS and its partners across Bassetlaw are committed to improving mental health care for everyone so that it meets the needs of local people now and in the future. Over the next three years, the plan is to transform Bassetlaw’s community mental health services. More investment will mean that better services are available locally - giving people quicker and easier access to the support they need.





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Community mental health transformation

The investment in community mental health will see improved access to a wide range of services supported by three new community-based hubs. These integrated health and care teams are part of a significant investment programme that will increase the number of staff, skills and specialist support across a wide range of services including crisis support, new and expectant parents, children and young people, severe mental illness and eating disorders, ambulance services and therapeutic inpatient services.

The wider transformation of Bassetlaw's community mental health services, which is in line with the NHS Long Term Plan, will see investment across these and other services. Mental health services in Bassetlaw will be improved to bring together community health and social care with hospital-based care, resulting in better access, better services and better care for everyone in Bassetlaw who needs mental health support. This will mean.....



Local community hubs - supporting physical health, mental health, voluntary sector support, employment/education, housing and social support.



Services will be wrapped around individuals - with personalised assessments and tailored care plans.



A 'No wrong door' approach - Whenever someone asks for support they will be guided to get the right help, from the right person.



More money for existing services and pathways - Including expectant and new mums (perinatal), children and young people (CAMHS), talking therapies (IAPT), therapeutic inpatients, ambulance services, crisis services, severe mental illness and eating disorders.

There is also a real need to improve the quality of mental health and dementia care when people need to be cared for in hospital. In particular, for adults and older people change is needed to provide safe, effective and consistently high-quality



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care. That is why we need to think carefully about what inpatient services look like in the future.....

ACCESS
Getting additional mental health, therapeutic and recovery services is not as easy as it should be

QUALITY
The current ward environment is far from ideal

EXPERIENCE
The care experience of patients and their families is not as good as we want it to be

Consequently, alongside developing our community mental health transformation plans, the CCG is currently considering proposals to change inpatient mental health services for adults and older people and those living with dementia.

“It’s a really exciting time for mental health services in Bassetlaw. We want to work with local people and our partners to invest in and change the way that people are supported in the community. As a result, more people will have quicker, easier access to the services they need locally.” said Dr Eric Kelly, Chair of NHS Bassetlaw CCG.

“But there is a real, immediate need to make changes to mental health inpatient services for adults and older people, including those with dementia.”

“Our patients have the right to expect consistently high-quality services that provide a positive patient experience. That is why we are seeking the views of local people, service users, carers and stakeholders on the proposed changes so that we can decide on the future of inpatient mental health services for the people of Bassetlaw.”

Proposals for inpatient mental health care

Proposals to improve local services also include changing the way mental health inpatient services for adults and older people are provided. This service is currently provided by Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust at Bassetlaw Hospital in Worksop.

NHS Bassetlaw CCG recognises that change to inpatient mental health services for adults and older people is needed to improve the following areas:



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- Quality of the ward environments
- Access to other linked mental health, therapeutic and recovery services
- The care experience of people who use these services and their families

Having considered a range of solutions, the CCG believes that a better service could be delivered in future by providing adult inpatient mental health services at the newly purpose built and refurbished accommodation at Sherwood Oaks and older people's services within a refurbished unit at Millbrook Mental Health Unit, both run by Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and located in Mansfield.

Before a decision is made, the CCG wants to hear everyone's views on the proposals so that any final decision is fully informed and shaped by local people.

Dr Eric Kelly added: "We are asking for your views on what we think might be the best solution. We also want to understand what is important to you and what support would need to be in place to help with any future changes.

A final decision will be made by the CCG after considering local people's views alongside other information including the views of partner organisations and independent clinical advice.

How you can get involved.....

There are lots of ways in which you can share your views about the proposed changes. We want to hear from as many people as possible.

You can join the conversation by visiting <http://www.bassetlawccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/how-to-get-involved/bassetlaw-mental-health-engagement> where the full engagement document, a summary and link to the survey can be found. The engagement is planned to run until 18th April 2021.

There are lots of ways in which you can share your views about the proposed changes. We want to hear from as many people as possible.

- Online: Complete the online survey from the link above where you can answer our questions and add your own comments. A paper (postal) version is also available on request, which you can return to the Freepost address below – you do not need a stamp.
- Email: nhsbassetlaw@thecampaigncompany.co.uk
- Call us on 01777 590035 (Monday – Friday, 9am-5pm, or leave a message). Calls are at a local rate but we can also call you back.
- Write to us at: **Freepost RTEK-SATU-YXEC**, NHS Bassetlaw CCG, Retford Hospital, North Road, Retford, Notts. DN22 7XF

You can find us on social media:

- Twitter: @BassetlawCCG
- Facebook: NHS Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group



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We also want to speak to as many interested groups and organisations as possible. If you would like us speak with your group or organisation, please get in touch using the details above.