

Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(Older people's Inpatient Mental Health Services)

Draft Terms of Reference

Introduction

(Insert paragraph summarising the context for the proposals)

The Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (the JHOSC) is a joint committee appointed under Regulation 30 (5) of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013/218.

The Joint Committee Functions

The participating authorities are:

- Calderdale Council
- Kirklees Council
- Wakefield Council

The participating authorities authorise the JHOSC to discharge the following overview and scrutiny functions in relation to the planning, provision, operation and delivery of inpatient mental health services across the footprint of the joint committee:

- Receive and consider the relevant NHS body consultation¹ proposals related to the substantial development / variation in the provision of older people's inpatient mental health services, and in particular review and scrutinise:
 - Any matter relating to the planning, provision, operation and delivery of older people's mental health inpatient services and specifically (but not exclusively) consider and take account of the:
 - Impact of the proposals on patients, patients families and the public;
 - Views of local people, service users and/or their representatives;
 - Impact on the local health economies and the local economies in general, including any financial implications.

¹ Any informal question raised by an NHS body or health service provider as to whether a proposed development or variation is in the opinion of an authority substantial; or whether a proposed development or variation will have an impact on the health service in the area of an authority will be a matter for individual participating authorities to respond to.

- The arrangements made by relevant NHS bodies to secure patient access to appropriate older people's inpatient mental health services, including the quality and safety of such services.
- How the proposed changes to older people's inpatient mental health services support the delivery of local Health and Wellbeing Strategies across the footprint of the joint committee and improving both the health of the local populations and the provision of health care services to that population.
- The arrangements made by relevant NHS bodies for consulting and involving patients and the public regarding the proposed changes.

Require the provision of all relevant information associated with older people's inpatient mental health services, as identified by the Joint Committee.

- Require a member or employee of a relevant NHS body to attend before the Joint Committee to answer questions in connection with the planning, provision, operation and delivery of older people's inpatient mental health services, including consultation on the proposed changes.
- Prepare and make comments / recommendations on the proposed changes to older people's inpatient mental health services consulted on.
- Make recommendations on the proposed changes to older people's mental health inpatient services to:
 - Any of the participating local authorities represented on the JHOSC
 - Relevant NHS bodies (including relevant health service providers)
 - Any other relevant bodies identified by the JHOSC
- Receive notice of any disagreement from relevant NHS bodies and to take reasonable steps to resolve such disagreement
- Prepare and present a report and recommendations to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the proposed changes to service (subject to the agreement of all local authorities participating) and only if disagreement cannot be resolved.