

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

Committee:	Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee
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Report Title:	Proposals to Develop or Vary Services
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1. Summary and Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to alert Members to proposals from the NHS or providers of health services to vary or develop health services provided to people living in the area of the Committee.
- 1.2. Proposals that are considered to be substantial in nature will be subject to formal public consultation. The nature and scope of this consultation should be discussed with the Committee at the earliest opportunity.
- 1.3. The response of the Committee will take account of the Framework for Assessing Substantial Change and Variation in Health Services agreed by the Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton Joint Committee in November 2010, last updated in April 2013. This places particular emphasis on the duties imposed on the NHS by Sections 242 and 244 of the Health and Social Care Act 2006, includes new responsibilities set out under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, and takes account of key criteria for service reconfiguration identified by the Department of Health. The 'Framework' can be found on the website at http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/advsearchmeetings/meetingsite/mdocuments.htm?sta=&pref=Y&item_ID=4831&tab=2&co=&confidential=
- 1.4. This Report is presented to the Committee in 3 parts:
 1. *Items for action:* these set out the actions required by the Committee to respond to proposals from the NHS or providers of health services to substantially change or vary health services.

2. *Items for monitoring:* these allow for the monitoring of outcomes from substantial changes proposed to the local health service agreed by the Committee.
 3. *Items for information:* these alert the Committee to forthcoming proposals from the NHS to vary or change services. This provides the Committee with an opportunity to determine if the proposal would be considered substantial and assess the need to establish formal joint arrangements
- 1.5. This report and recommendations provide members with an opportunity to influence and improve the delivery of health services in Hampshire, and to support health and social care integration, and therefore assist in the delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Corporate Strategy aim of maximising well being.

Items for Action

None

Items for Monitoring

None

Items for Information

2. Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust – temporary closure of Daedalus Ward

Context

- 2.1 The NHS or providers of NHS services are able to temporarily close services without consulting the local authority when the NHS body or health service provider believes that a decision has to be taken because of a risk to safety or welfare of patients or staff (e.g. because of an outbreak of a viral disease, or reduction in staffing levels). In such cases the NHS body or health service provider must notify the local authority that consultation has not taken place and the reasons for this.

Background

- 2.2 The Daedalus Ward in Gosport War Memorial Hospital is a 17 bed organic (dementia) ward which is part of Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust's Older Person's Mental Health division.

Update

- 2.3 The letter notifying the Committee of the temporary closure, attached as [Appendix 1](#) (page 6), provides Members with an overview of the reasons for the temporary closure, which is related to both the identification of MRSA on

the ward and the subsequent decision to undertake works on the ward to eliminate a probable contributing factor to colonisations of MRSA.

- 2.4 A subsequent letter from the Trust has been received and is attached as [Appendix 2](#) (page 8), which provides an update on the challenges that have been experienced in attempting to undertake works on the ward whilst remaining open in part to service users.
- 2.5 The Trust have stated that in order for the work to be completed in a timely way (which includes the re-laying of flooring in communal areas and corridors) whilst maintaining the safety, privacy and dignity of the remaining patients, they have taken the decision to close the ward and rehouse the three remaining patients elsewhere within Gosport War Memorial Hospital.
- 2.6 The Trust has noted that there have not been any patients who they have had to admit elsewhere in the County during this temporary closure. The Trust has stated that all the works on the ward will be completed by the 1 August 2014.

Recommendations

- 2.7 Members confirm:
 - a. If they are satisfied with the actions of Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust to temporarily close to admissions the Daedalus Ward in Gosport War Memorial Hospital from 9 June to 1 August 2014, and to move some patients to alternative accommodation in this time.
 - b. If they require further information.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

<i>A. Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</i>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<i>B. Maximising well-being:</i>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<i>C. Enhancing our quality of place:</i>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D – Local Government Act 1972 – background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1 This is a covering report which appends reports under consideration by the Committee, therefore this section is not applicable to this covering report. The Committee will request appropriate impact assessments to be undertaken should this be relevant for any topic that the Committee is reviewing.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1 This is a covering report which appends reports under consideration by the Committee, therefore this section is not applicable to this covering report. The Committee will request appropriate impact assessments to be undertaken should this be relevant for any topic that the Committee is reviewing.

3. Climate Change:

- 3.1 How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

This is a covering report which appends reports under consideration by the Committee; therefore this section is not applicable to this work report. The Committee will consider climate change when approaching topics that impact upon our carbon footprint / energy consumption.

- 3.2 How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

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Dear Katie

Re: Temporary Closure to Admissions of Daedalus Ward at Gosport War Memorial Hospital

I am writing to notify you of the temporary closure to admissions of Daedalus Ward at Gosport War Memorial Hospital due to the further identification of a colonisation of MRSA.

Daedalus Ward is a 17 bedded, acute admission ward for the assessment and treatment of older people with an organic (dementia) mental health problem. On Friday 6th June 2014, a 7th case of colonisation of MRSA was identified on the ward (within a 4 month period). On reviewing the possible cause, and taking senior Microbiologist and Public Health England advice, it was identified that the environment was a possible contributing factor, and therefore the decision to temporarily close the ward to admissions was taken on Monday 9th June.

Previous identification of MRSA on the ward led to a number of actions being implemented by the service including the screening of all new patients admitted to the ward, the further training and competency testing of all staff in aseptic technique and a general raising of awareness of infection prevention practices.

The further identification of the colonisation this week prompted a review of possible causes where the environment was identified as a probable contributing factor. Following both a deep clean and enhanced cleaning, Southern Health plans to refurbish areas of the ward where the maintenance of high levels of hygiene have proved more difficult. These areas include seals around flooring and the flooring itself, bathroom areas, sluice facilities and treatment room.

In order for the work to be completed and to maintain the safety and high quality of care for the patients, consideration was taken to close the ward completely. However, on review of the current patients by Consultant Psychiatrist and Senior Nursing Staff, it was evident that whilst some patients' discharges could be expedited, it would have been more detrimental to others mental health to move them to an alternative facility part way through their treatment. On the advice of our Estates and Works colleagues it was identified that 7 patients could be maintained safely and comfortably on the ward whilst still enabling the isolation of areas of the ward where work needed to be completed.

Work will commence on 16th June 2014 and we envisage this being completed and the ward being able to re-open to admissions by the end of this month.

During this period patients who require admission will be admitted to one of our other in-patient wards elsewhere in the county; Elmwood Ward (18 beds) in Basingstoke and Beaulieu Ward (17 beds) at the Western Community Hospital. As you will be aware, the Older People's Mental Health (OPMH) beds are maintained as a county-wide resource and we already admit patients, for example, from Gosport to other wards, dependant on patient choice and availability. Additional support to relatives and carers, with, for example, potential additional travel will be continued, as is current practice.

Through regular review, pro-active discharge planning and increased engagement and support from our community services and colleagues, Southern Health is confident that demand can be managed over this short period reduced bed availability. Capacity is reviewed on a daily basis and managed accordingly; currently we are showing capacity within the organic bed provision.

Balancing the requirements of providing safe and high quality services and the need respond appropriately to local need, Southern Health is committed to completing the refurbishment of the ward, whilst maintaining ongoing service provision, and keeping this disruption to a minimum. We plan to have the work completed and the ward re-opened to admissions by 30th June 2014.

I will, of course, keep you informed of our progress. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Katie

Re: Temporary Closure to Admissions of Daedalus Ward at Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Further to the letter from Gethin Hughes, Divisional Director, of the 13 June 2014 regarding the above, I am writing to provide you with an update.

As you will be aware, the ward temporarily closed to admissions following a series of MRSA colonisations, to enable urgent improvements to the environment to be completed. It was hoped that we would be able to maintain 7 patients on the ward whilst this work was completed; still enabling the isolation of areas of the ward where work needed to be carried out.

More recently, it has been identified that this has proved unachievable, and in order for the work to be completed in a timely way (which includes the re-laying of flooring in communal areas and corridors) whilst maintaining the safety, privacy and dignity of the remaining patients, we have taken the decision to close the ward and rehouse the remaining patients elsewhere within the hospital.

Of the remaining 7 patients who were being treated on the ward, discharge plans have proceeded and as of 15 July 2014 there were 3 patients remaining. We have temporarily opened an annex on Collingwood Ward at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, to enable us to provide 6 beds for the admission of organically ill patients, maintaining a local provision. Of note, there have been no patients who we have had to admit elsewhere in the county during this temporary closure, in part, due to the increased input from our community teams and the collaborative working with Adult Services.

I have had confirmation from our Estates Department today that all the work to the ward will be completed by the 1 August 2014, allowing us to re-open the ward from then.

I will, of course, keep you updated with our progress but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

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Kind regards

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