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Black Country Healthcare

Bloxwich Hospital Redevelopment











Why change?



RAT INFESTATION SHUTS DOWN WARD.

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A HOSPITAL ward has been closed following the discovery of a rat infestation.

Patients have been moved to another war on Reeves Street, provides care for peop Patients were shifted out of the ward follo

The trust which runs the site said "immedi the rodents were discovered.

A hospital worker, who did not want to be had to shut the ward down completely. Th

"The patients have all been moved down

A spokesperson for Dudley and Walsall M alerted to the presence of some rats on o

"Immediate action has been taken to main

"One ward is currently closed as a precau

Walsall Council leader Mike Bird said he

He said: "Rats are normally associated wi shocked that this should occur in a hospit or food shop.

"If it means the environmental health department of the control of could be at risk from what is unfortunately

The Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Pa Dudley.



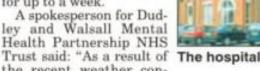
Vital works see patients moved

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pital had to move to Dorothy Pattison Hospital in Walsall and Bushey Fields Hospital in Dudley yesterday, where they will stay for up to a week.

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ditions there was disruption to the local water supply in Bloxwich, which affected our hospital site.

"During this time we put in place appropriate measures to maintain patient care and dignity ensuring patients continued to have access to facilities."

Patients were due back within days.



DISRUPTION

Hospital patients are forced to move

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Why change?



- Current accommodation at Bloxwich is old and not fit for purpose
- Layout is inflexible and can't provide the right type of space for patient care
- Struggles to meet clinical standards (mixed gender, infection prevention, single bedrooms, accessibility etc.)
- Building maintenance is costly
- All partners and CQC have agreed that an alternative is needed
- Why now? A long-standing issue and we have a 'window of opportunity' using the NHSI/E 'Elimination of Dormitory Wards' capital funds for mental health



What is changing?



Inpatient beds at Bloxwich are **currently provided** across two wards:

- Cedars ward 16 beds, both genders (functional disorders such as bi-polar, schizophrenia etc.)
- Linden ward 10 beds, both genders (organic disorders such as dementia)

Proposal - To re-locate the facilities at Bloxwich Hospital to new purpose built accommodation on Dorothy Pattison Hospital site with:

- Purpose-built, ground floor inpatient accommodation (15 functional beds and 10 organic beds)
- Flexible, high quality clinical and support space



Benefits of new plans



- Investment to Walsall for historically underfunded mental healthcare for older people
- Help facilitate highest quality patient care and clinical standards
- Wider group of staff to respond to incidents
- Modern, purpose built accommodation
- Better access to other services in Walsall adjacent to Walsall Manor Hospital and Dorothy Pattison Hospital (access to DP site facilities such as gym, canteen etc.)
- Good car parking / public transport access
- Minimal disruption for patients, staff and residents



Engagement

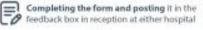
- Committed to engaging fully with service users, patients, carers, local residents, staff and partners
- Views informed the business case will continue to inform development and design of the new facilities
- Initial engagement 2017 2020 (posters/flyers, comment boxes, feedback sessions, website information, sessions for local residents, patients and families, information via partners)
- Formal engagement period was 7
 June to 31 August 2021 but will continue throughout development



Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and Black Country and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group are announcing some exciting developments to older adult mental health inpatient services in Walsall.

We are aiming to build a new, modern, purpose-built older adult inpatient facility on the grounds within Dorothy Pattison Hospital, Alumwell Road in Walsall. This will mean re-locating the two wards at Bloxwich Hospital.

If you would like to share any comments or feedback with us you can do so by:







Emailing bchft.communications@mhs.net



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We want to hear your views around proposals for older adult mental health services in Walsall.

information. 2021.

Read more about the plans and share your views via: blackcountryhealthcare.nhs.uk/about-us/new-h...





Engagement



- Printed materials produced and distributed community development workers used to target ethnic minority communities
- Articles in partner newsletters including One Walsall and BCH stakeholder newsletter
- Experts by experience briefed and 1:1 discussions for patients and carers (via clinical staff)
- External website page and social media posts
- Display and comment boxes in Bloxwich and Dorothy Pattison Hospitals
- Briefing sessions for staff and updates in BCH newsletters and forums
- Healthwatch Walsall





Feedback themes – Patients and Families

Comments about transport, bed numbers and ground floor wards

I think Bloxwich Hospital
is more accessible than
Dorothy Pattison
Hospital as it has better
bus routes and more
journeys per hour

Having wards on the much more accessible for disability,



Feedback themes – Public and Residents



Comments about importance that service continues, local residents asking about traffic / parking

We need more hospitals
for older people, not less.
The bus service to
Dorothy Pattison is not
as good as bus routes to
Bloxwich Hospital'

if am not too concerned lt's more important move. the service is available to need it.



Feedback themes – Staff



Comments about future use of building, positive

impact for patients and parking

'It will be wonderful for our patients and staff to have new OA facilities at the NPH site. We need to make sure the parking comes into consideration when developing the plans'

I am particularly hopeful that dementia patients are admitted to a safe, dementia-friendly environment. I think it's important that areas of the ward are differentiated, i.e. different colour, so it doesn't feel like a rabbit warren or confusing to older people living with dementia?



Timescales









Thanks – any questions?





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