

Bloxwich Hospital Proposals

Engagement



Background

Older adult mental health inpatient services are currently provided at Bloxwich Hospital across two wards:

- Cedars – 20 beds, both genders
(functional disorders such as bi-polar, schizophrenia)
- Linden – 16 beds, both genders
(organic disorders such as dementia)



Background – redesign of OA MH services

- Focus on strengthening care in the community
- Support, care treatment as early as possible
- Care tailored to individual needs
- Professionals working together across agencies
- An increase in evidence-based treatments

Final stage is to look at future requirements for inpatient beds including numbers and location



Case for change

- Bloxwich Hospital is not purpose built
- Layout can provide challenges in providing the right type of space for patients
- Struggles to meet mixed accommodation standards
- Our commissioners / regulators are keen for us to explore other options
- Building maintenance is costly



Proposal

To relocate the two wards to new purpose built accommodation at Dorothy Pattison Hospital:

- 15 functional beds
- 10 Organic beds

The proposals will see a reduction in bed numbers



Benefits

- Modern, purpose built accommodation
- Meets requirements for same sex accommodation
- Wider group of staff to respond to incidents
- Adjacent to Walsall Manor Hospital
- Access to DPH site facilities – gym, canteen
- Good car parking / public transport access
- No disruption to patients / staff during build



Engagement – target groups

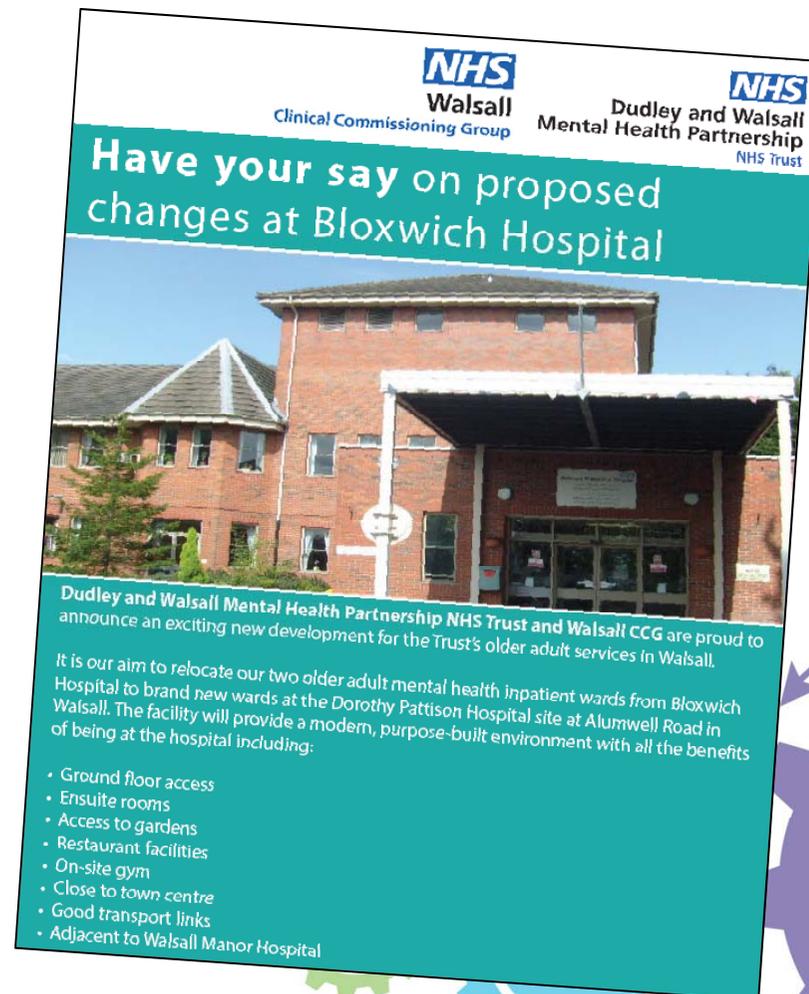
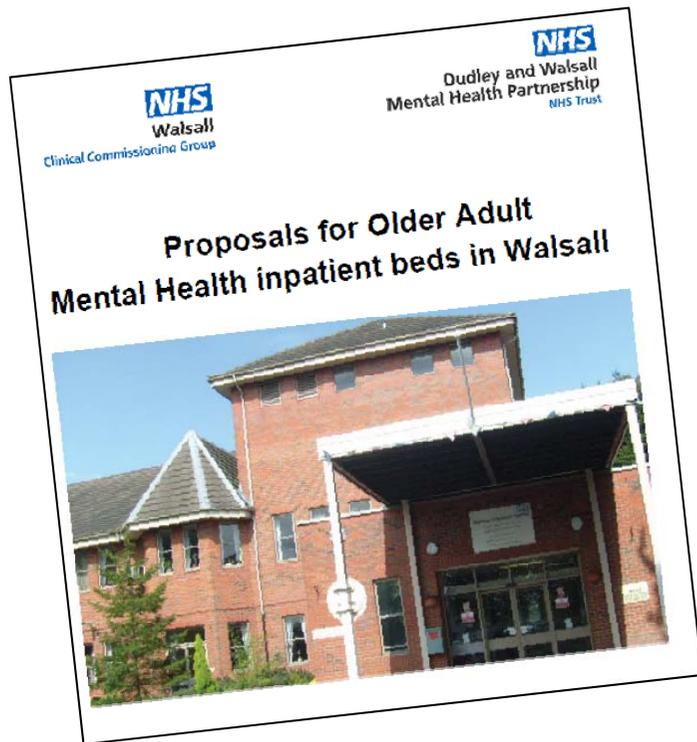
Important to engage with a number of groups to obtain their views / comments before the business case is developed.

Views were sought from staff, patients, carers, family members, members of the public, older age local groups, Experts by Experience



Engagement document

Created engagement document, posters and flyers detailing plans and highlighting a number of routes to feedback



Engagement - methods

We used a variety of methods to invite feedback:

- Posters / flyers
- Comment boxes at Bloxwich Hospital, Dorothy Pattison Hospital and Walsall Manor
- Invited feedback from staff at face to face briefing sessions, Trust internal communications channels
- Promoted engagement document on Trust website



Engagement – methods continued

- Face to Face at weekly Time to Remember and Social Hour for patients and carers at Bloxwich Hospital
- Have offered one to one appointments to patients, carers / families if required
- Promoted at the Dementia Cafes in Walsall



Feedback

There was little feedback received on proposals.
Themes can be summarised below:

Staff: Broadly supportive, questions around future use of building e.g. other teams to utilise

Patients: Concerns around transport, number of beds, positive about possible ground floor wards



Next steps

Feedback will be incorporated into the business case and a summary of the responses will be published on our website.

We will work with Experts by Experience and engage regularly with patients, carers / families and staff on the progress of these developments.

