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Dear Karen

Re: Intermediate Care in Tameside & Glossop

The Tameside & Glossop Strategic Commissioning Board considered the report on bed based intermediate care on 30th January 2017 and following considerable discussion, supported the recommendation to approve Option 2 for those patients where it is not possible to deliver rehabilitation and recuperation at home. This will result in the centralisation of the Tameside and Glossop Intermediate Care beds into the Stamford Unit.

The recommendation was approved subject to the implementation of the following mitigations:

- During the public consultation, views were heard from Glossopdale residents that they could be disadvantaged by the implementation of Option 2 due to not having families and friends close by to support their care and recuperation. In order to mitigate this, we will work with you and the Glossop Integrated Neighbourhood team to maximise their ability to support enhanced rehabilitation and recuperation at home as well as to continue to examine further opportunities to increase this provision in the future;
- As the Strategic Commissioner, we will seek advice from you regarding additional health and social service provision we could commission from the Glossop Primary Care Centre and support this increase as rapidly as possible;
- We recognised the value of receiving intermediate bed based care as close to home as possible and therefore we have agreed to engage with local care providers and Derbyshire County Council to explore the potential for up to 8 beds for purchase on an individual basis for residents of Glossop subject to these beds reaching our required standards for quality;
- We also recognised that the demands for Intermediate Care home based offer and therefore the bed requirement across Tameside and Glossop is likely to change over time and so we agreed to review the numbers of beds required on an annual basis. We will obviously work with you to ensure future demand is continually assessed and planning for future local provision is adapted accordingly;

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- The concern regarding the future of the Shire Hill hospital site was also heard by the Strategic Commission. We will be leading initial development work with partners and in particular High Peak Borough Council, Derbyshire Country Council, Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership as well as the residents of Glossop to support the Shire Hill site remaining within the health and social care estate and providing supported accommodation in future.

It would be helpful if we could discuss in the near future the next steps as our expectation is that the relocation of intermediate care beds from Shire Hill to the Stamford Unit should not take place until we collectively have assurance on the progress of these mitigations. Specifically, we would like to discuss;

- The development of a clear, documented process which the ICFT will follow to identify patients requiring support from an intermediate care bed in the Glossop neighbourhood. This will need to include how patients are identified, what information they receive with regard to their choice of inpatient intermediate care offer, how it will be agreed that their period of 'discharge to assess' in the Stamford Unit will conclude and the move to Intermediate Care take place and how this will be organised in conjunction with the patient, their carers, their GP, Glossop Integrated Neighbourhood team including Derbyshire County Council;
- We envisage that you will wish to lead the commissioning of these Intermediate Care beds in Glossop and will be able to do so within the financial envelope already provided for Intermediate Care. We will support the quality assurance process of the beds identified as appropriate;
- As Strategic Commissioners, we will require assurance through our Contract, Quality and Performance meetings regarding delivery of the 4 elements of intermediate care throughout Tameside and Glossop, as set out in the National Audit of Intermediate Care (appendix 3 to the national report) and attached to this letter as Appendix A. As you will appreciate, this was the basis for our whole new model of Intermediate Care.
- In regards to Glossop specifically, we believe it will be important to communicate effectively and assure the local population on the delivery of Glossop Integrated Neighbourhood services as set out in the paper considered by the Strategic Commissioning Board (Appendix 5 in the report – attached again here as Appendix B) and would like to agree with you how we can do this optimally.
- Finally, we have long accepted that the Glossop Primary Care Centre is under-utilised in terms of capacity and range of services offered. We would like to work with you to facilitate the development and/or transfer of additional health services to the Glossop Primary Care Centre with the ambition of an 80% occupancy rate and increased service provision.

We believe the decision taken on 30th January was the right one in terms of improving clinical outcomes for all residents of Tameside and Glossop, we recognise the impact on the Glossopdale community including staff working and living in the local area. By working together and in partnership, we look forward to achieving afore mentioned mitigations and subsequently, safely ensuring the effective relocation of bed based Intermediate Care.

Yours sincerely



Alan Dow
Clinical Chair



Steven Pleasant MBE
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