

## Committee: Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 2<sup>ND</sup> July 2015

Agenda item:

Wards: ALL

### **Subject: Mental Health Step-Down Accommodation Review**

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### **Recommendations:**

- A. Panel Members are asked to comment on the proposed changes to "step down" mental health facilities in Merton.
  - B. The Panel should consider whether to send a formal response to the CCG
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## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1. Norfolk Lodge has operated as a rehabilitation/step down hostel for Merton residents for 17 years.
- 1.2. The report attached at **Appendix One** sets out details of the process to renew and improve the step-down service for Merton residents and the environment from where it is delivered, and not about the closure of the existing facility.

## **2 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

The Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel can select topics for scrutiny review and for other scrutiny work as it sees fit, taking into account views and suggestions from officers, partner organisations and the public.

Cabinet is constitutionally required to receive, consider and respond to scrutiny recommendations within two months of receiving them at a meeting.

- 2.1. Cabinet is not, however, required to agree and implement recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny. Cabinet could agree to implement some, or none, of the recommendations made in the scrutiny review final report.

## **3 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

- 3.1. The Panel will be consulted at the meeting

## **4 TIMETABLE**

- 4.1. The Panel will consider important items as they arise as part of their work programme for 2014/15

**5 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1. None relating to this covering report

**6 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1. None relating to this covering report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the legal and statutory implications of the topic being scrutinised.

**7 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

7.1. It is a fundamental aim of the scrutiny process to ensure that there is full and equal access to the democratic process through public involvement and engaging with local partners in scrutiny reviews. Furthermore, the outcomes of reviews are intended to benefit all sections of the local community.

**8 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

8.1. None relating to this covering report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the crime and disorder implications of the topic being scrutinised.

**9 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1. None relating to this covering report

**10 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**

- Mental Health Step-Down Accommodation Review

**11 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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