

LEARNING DISABILITY PROGRAMME BOARD MEETING 7TH MARCH 2013

Update on Care Quality Commission Activity for the Winterbourne View Programme Board

Changes to the registration process

CQC made a commitment to review our registration processes. The CQC approach to registration to date has been based on an administrative relationship between the regulator and the potential providers of care.

Our intention is now to shift the emphasis to one where potential providers fully understand the legal commitments they are signing up to when applying to enter the care market through CQC registration.

Whilst the shift is not one that leads to more bureaucratic requirements it is one that leads to a more stringent set of requirements for the provider so that there are clear thresholds that will have to be met. The approach will also ensure that providers understand that registration is the starting point for the regulator/ provider relationship. We will deliver this change in summer of 2013.

We have a formal project team that is leading the work. This change around registration will lead to a more robust statement of purpose which is where providers set out and make commitments to deliver safe quality care. We will also ask providers at registration to make clear in the statement of purpose how quality and safety will be overseen at a board level and by whom and how they satisfy themselves that this is being delivered. We also intend to inspect providers against the legal commitment they are signing up to through the statement of purpose. We will be meeting with members of the national forum and the national valuing family forum to share with them the work of this project team.

Revised supplementary guidance on induction and supervisory standards for care staff.

CQC are working with the Health Care Professions Council (HCPC), the National Forum and the NVFF and CBF to deliver a

revised set of supplementary information for CQC inspectors and providers of care that covers induction standards and supervisory standards for care staff.

We are also working with the sector skills councils who have the responsibility to draw up these standards so that we ensure that our revised information takes account of the most recent standards and guidance on these crucial areas of staff capability. We will be making clear in our revised registration requirements and strengthened statement of purpose that these sector guidelines on induction and supervision are a part of the commitment that providers are signing up to.

This will all be brought together in a workshop in March with all those listed above and the final revised supplementary information signed off by CQC and HCPC in early summer 2013.

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