****

**Learning Disability Programme Board 19 November 2013**

**Update on the former patients of Winterbourne View**

**Introduction**

NHS England is committed to being open and transparent to ensure the delivery of the Winterbourne View Concordat commitments. At the recent Winterbourne View Concordat Event (5th November 2013), NHS England agreed to share with the Learning Disability Programme Board an update, based on information currently collected, regarding progress in respect of the former patients of Winterbourne View.

**Background**

As a part of the ongoing assurance process, originally established for the Department of Health review of Winterbourne View, the health and social care commissioners of former patients of Winterbourne View have continued to provide to NHS England anonymised case summaries of progress. The latest information was collated at the end of June 2013. Updated anonymised data will be available in December. The clinical lead for the Enhanced Quality Assurance team (EQAP) has spoken (November) to the commissioners of the former patients of Winterbourne View seeking an update on each former patient to support planning of the enhanced quality reviews and to inform future data collection.

**Use of the information**

There are a number of constraints/risks related to publication of patient data. Some anonymised data held is personal data and the number of patients is relatively low. This in itself can increase the risk of identification through even anonymised data.

A slide pack (attached) provides the Learning Disability Programme Board with anonymised information on progress which will be published on the gov.uk website with the minutes of this meeting.

However, statutory bodies should not assume confidential data cannot be shared.

**New data collection**

New collection systems in respect of the former patients of Winterbourne View are being established through the Enhanced Quality Assurance Programme (EQAP). This will include development of a risk rating for former patients of Winterbourne View which will be used by the team to prioritise activity and support the provision of transparent information to the Learning Disability Programme Board.

The design of the risk register ratings will be co-produced with family carers and people who use services. Once the RAG status of the former patients of Winterbourne View is confirmed, the work programme will be reviewed to build in follow-up reviews or additional activity for those former Winterbourne View patients with a red status.

**Established an EQAP team to ensure the quality of reviews and ensure patients are safe now**

NHS England has allocated an additional £600,000 to establish an Enhanced Quality Assurance Team (EQAP). The EQAP is a joint initiative with Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS), working closely with colleagues in the Care Quality Commission (CQC), the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Winterbourne View Joint Improvement Programme (WVJIP). A steering group has been established which includes representatives of family carers and people who use services.

The EQAP team is managed by NHS England through its nursing directorate. NHS England is working closely with ADASS to ensure social care staff are appointed and that the EQAP ties in with local social care arrangements. The EQAP team will work directly into localities and alongside relevant partners. This will ensure ownership and embed learning and action/recommendations. The team will consist of:

* Clinicians;
* Social care professionals; and
* 3rd sector representatives of family carers and people who use services.

The priority for the EQAP is the former patients of Winterbourne View and the initial focus will be on those patients in medium and low secure environments and to collect information from former patients with their consent.

The three strands of work of the EQAP are:

* Reviews of the former patients of Winterbourne View and others of concern;
* Assessment of the quality of reviews completed by NHS England and CCGs; and
* Reviews of patients in providers (NHS and Independent sector) where CQC has concerns.

The EQAP includes a series of enhanced reviews to ensure that:

* individuals are safe now;
* that their care has been properly reviewed; and
* robust plans are in place for their transition to community-based care when appropriate.

The work of the EQAP team will be an important NHS England/ADASS work stream and will provide information to support the WVJIP improvement activity as well as provide assurance to NHS England regarding the quality and robustness of reviews. This will ensure that the former patients of Winterbourne View are receiving good quality care.