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Submitted to **proposed redesign of learning disability and autistic spectrum disorder services**

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1 Adults who have a learning disability and/or autistic spectrum disorders (ASD) should have the opportunity to receive their care in a community setting close to their home?

Comments::

NWADASS agree with this statement.

Care in a community setting must include “the right support” in order to ensure that individuals are healthy, well and as active members of their communities as they and their families wish.

NW ADASS stress that Adult Social Care represents the biggest single cost pressure to Local Authorities. With an increasing gap between the cost of meeting additional demand and rising costs of service (resulting from initiatives such as the National Living Wage) the cost of these proposals need to be fully funded without any impact on Local Authority budgets. The ongoing service provision will need to be met via the transfer of funding from the NHS to the Local Authority. One specific area mentioned was consideration of the wider impact on community in terms of community safety for those individuals where this applies. In normal circumstances if a high risk offender comes out of prison MAPPA comes in to play. Costs need to reflect this as well as the care package costs

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2 Some people who use services will require forensic services under the Mental Health Act in secure facilities for long periods of time as part of their programme of care. These people where possible will benefit from accommodation in smaller units that are adaptable to their needs with clear treatment goals.

Comments::

NW ADASS agree with this statement. We note the LGA's suggestion that there should be more emphases on access to mainstream smaller units with appropriate reasonable adjustments.

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3 The proposed model of care would provide assessment pathways to ensure that the least restrictive care options are chosen and hospital care is considered only when all other choices have been exhausted?

Comments::

While NW ADASS recognise that there will be instances where hospital care will be the appropriate treatment, as a general principle we strongly agree with this statement.

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4 People with longer term needs who use services and require ongoing secure care should receive this in an environment that enhances their quality of life as effectively as possible?

Comments::

NW ADASS agree with this statement. Further detail is needed to understand the implications and proposal for those “with longer term needs”.

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5 Based on the ‘homes not hospitals’ principle of ‘Building the right support’, institutionalised medium and low secure care should not be delivered on the Mersey Care Whalley site, (formerly Calderstones Partnership NHS Foundation Trust). As such option one set out in section four is the preferred option?

Do you have any other comments?:

NW ADASS are not recommending a specific option given differing views from our local authorities. Of those local responses we received it was pointed out that without a clear guarantee that a person's needs can be met close to home (e.g. availability of Assessment and Treatment facility/bed, low or medium secure inpatient stay) and clarification on funding option 2 would be recommended.

The LGA's response provides a valuable commentary on the four options.

NW ADASS agree strongly with the LGA that money needs to follow the person from hospital to community provision, and that no partner is disadvantaged with the financial arrangements.

The costs of the care models need to be fully worked up and supported by local authority partners to ensure the model is sustainable, and achieves the best outcomes for people. There is need for a more detailed financial breakdown of the costs associated with the preferred care model proposed in the consultation document, including clear details about how any savings will be reinvested.

About you

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