

Update on Mental Health Developments

1. Eating Disorder Project

The 12 month community service commenced in August 2007 with three staff in post - Service Coordinator/clinical psychologist, specialist nurse and care worker. The pilot will be regularly monitored with formal evaluation at the end of the 12 month period.

2. Rehab and Recovery Service Redesign

Professor Shepherd completed the draft service specification for a rehabilitation and recovery service in September 2007. This specification was then presented to service users and carers and staff at the end of September. Comments received at the meetings were incorporated into the report with the final version being presented to the PCT in November 2007. This specification is to be ratified by the PCT prior to being implemented by Mental Health Services.

3. The Shires Re-provision

The project group, including representatives of service users and carers' resident at The Shires, have now completed the specifications for the new service. The tender documentation will be completed by the end of November 2007 ready for the tender process to commence soon afterwards. Service user and carer representatives will be involved throughout the tender process.

4. Advance Housing

The PCT is in active dialogue with Advance Housing on the future provision of service at their property in Bromyard and other possible opportunities within Herefordshire. Various options have been discussed, and once a preferred option has been decided this will be shared with the current residents. Initial discussions have taken place with the residents who are all keen to remain in Bromyard if possible. These wishes will be taken into account when future provision is decided upon.