

Briefing Report No: **99/2010**

Public Agenda Item: **Yes**

Title: **Transforming Older People's Mental Health Services**

Wards Affected: **Fernworthy, at Torbay Hospital**

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1. Key points and Summary

1.1 On 3 December 2009, representatives from Devon Partnership NHS Trust (DPT) and Torbay Care Trust updated members on plans for the redesign of older people's mental health (OPMH) services in Torbay. Torbay Care Trust's *Dementia Strategy 2009-2012* was also shared with members. The key purpose of this report is to update members further with recent progress and next steps in the redesign process.

2. Introduction

2.1 The Board of Devon Partnership NHS Trust has now approved capital investment plans to the value of £4.6m for the refurbishment of its older people's inpatient wards in Barnstaple, Exeter and Torbay. A letter (appendix 1) was sent to all stakeholders in Torbay, advising them of this decision and informing them that the £1m refurbishment of the Fernworthy Unit at Torbay Hospital is scheduled to commence in November 2010 and be completed by the summer of 2011.

The DPT OPMH Task Group has now transformed into a Trust Implementation Group which oversees three new Locality Implementation Teams (LITs) - one of which is for Torbay and South and West Devon. This group has contributed to the design plans for the Fernworthy Unit and has included service user and carer representation. The LIT is in the process of augmenting the current Crisis Resolution & Home Treatment team for adults to include older people with functional illness, with three senior mental health practitioners.

Torbay is a demonstrator site for peer-support, which is one of the National Dementia Strategy objectives. The resources will enable more Memory Cafes across Torbay in addition to the long standing Café in Paignton.

Older people in Torbay will also benefit from the services being implemented under the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) initiative. This is a national drive to deliver simpler, speedier access to psychological (talking) therapies for people with mild to moderate conditions such as anxiety and depression.

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Appendices

Appendix 1

Stakeholder letter.

Sent to all stakeholders in Torbay in February 2010 to provide an update on capital development plans.

Documents available in members' rooms**Background Papers:**

