

Tamworth Closure Proposal Consultation
Summary of meeting with Hammersmith and Fulham MIND
Date: 06.12.2010

Attendees: Alex Tambourides (Acting CEO, H&F MIND), Niall Larkin (Acting Deputy CEO MIND), Michael Roach (Joint Commissioning Manger Mental Health NHS Hammersmith and Fulham)

Purpose: H&F MIND is a stakeholder and provider of mental health services in Hammersmith and Fulham. This meeting was to hear what MIND's views are on the proposal to close the Tamworth services.

Prior to the meeting a letter was sent to the CEO of MIND. This letter explained the reasons why a proposal was made to close the Tamworth services and to invite H&F MIND as an organisation to make comments on the proposal.

Questions from MIND and responses on behalf of the Project Board:

Clarification was sort on why there was a need to close the Tamworth service?

- *The service was consistently underperforming over at least the past 18 months.*
- *The building and environment was in need of major refurbishment. This would require a lot of money that was not available to do this.*
- *An analysis of the use of supported accommodation in the borough over the same 18 months period indicated that there was an underuse of the supported housing capacity in the borough.*
- *The needs of the current service users could be met from other supported housing and care provision in the borough.*

Clarification was also sort on the loss of mental health supported housing capacity within the borough.

- *The findings of the analysis of the usage of supported housing within the borough were restated.*
- *Confirmation was given that the capacity would be reduced by 14 units.*

Was Tamworth going to be re-commissioned in any other form in the future?

- *There is no plan to re-commission a replacement for Tamworth at this time and taking into consideration the findings of the analysis and the current financial environment in health and social care.*

Clarification was sort on how the current residents were going to be supported and provided for during and after the transition if the decision to close was granted.

- *Each service user's needs were being reassessed by his / her care coordinator and the staff at Tamworth. A plan of how these needs will be met was being negotiated with the service user and appropriate provision identified.*

Comments from MIND in response to the proposal:

- *H&F MIND are broadly in support of the propose decision to close Tamworth based on the evidence presented to them.*
- *MIND has offered to give the project board any assistance that they need in supporting service users through the transition*
- *MIND has offered to work with Commissioners on work to improve care pathways for mental health service users being discharged from hospital into the community.*
- *MIND would like to be involved in any strategic work that looks at improving mental health service provision in the borough.*

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