



<b>Meeting of East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership</b>	Integration Joint Board
<b>Held on</b>	27 November 2019
<b>Agenda Item</b>	11
<b>Title</b>	Specialist Learning Disability Services – Environmental Changes to Blythswood House & Claythorn House
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>This report outlines a requirement to make environmental changes to both Blythswood House and Claythorn House in order to safely meet clinical needs.</p>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Lesley Bairden, Head of Finance and Resources
<p><b>Action Required</b></p> <p>The Integration Joint Board is asked to note the content of the report in terms of current demand on the service and to authorise the use of reserve funds to make the necessary changes.</p>	
<p><b>Implications checklist – check box if applicable and include detail in report</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy      <input type="checkbox"/> Legal      <input type="checkbox"/> Equalities  <input type="checkbox"/> Efficient Government      <input type="checkbox"/> Staffing      <input type="checkbox"/> Property      <input type="checkbox"/> IT </p>	

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**EAST RENFREWSHIRE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**

**27 November 2019**

**Report by Chief Officer**

**SPECIALIST LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES – ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES TO BLYTHSWOOD HOUSE AND CLAYTHORN HOUSE**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek authorisation from the Integration Joint Board to invest in environmental changes to both Blythswood House and Claythorn House. These changes are required to safely meet the needs of two patients with complex needs and to ensure the overall safe operation of the service.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. The Integration Joint Board is asked to note the content of the report in terms of current demand on the service and to authorise the use of reserve funds to make the necessary changes.

**BACKGROUND**

3. Blythswood House and Claythorn House provide inpatient mental health assessment and treatment to adults with learning disability from 9 Health and Social Care Partnerships. Blythswood is a community based inpatient facility which is not on a bigger hospital campus and stands alone in the community of Renfrew. Claythorn is our Acute Admissions facility located on the Gartnavel Royal Hospital campus.
4. The service supports people with complex mental health issues, learning disability and often people with both learning disability and autism. Therefore our patient group can be very diverse which demands a careful approach to risk management which includes how we best use the estate to minimise risk and provide a therapeutic environment.

**REPORT**

5. There is currently a need to reconfigure both units to better accommodate the needs of two individuals and more widely ensure that we can maintain a safe and therapeutic environment.
6. Claythorn House is a 12 bedded unit. However for the past four years it has been operating 11 beds. This is because one patient has required the sole use of two bedrooms. This patient is scheduled for discharge in November 2019. This is a discharge which has required extensive planning over the past 18 months; community provider staff have been working with us within the Claythorn unit for a year and there is an ongoing requirement for close working once the patient is discharged to new accommodation. NHS GGC will also continue to be responsible for this patient's health care for a period of three months post discharge. This essentially means that should this placement encounter difficulties in that period the patient will require to return to our services if we cannot support the patient in their new home.

7. We have also been working closely with our Forensic colleagues to arrange the transfer of a patient from medium secure care, this patient requires a dedicated staff team and for the accommodation in Claythorn to be reconfigured to meet their needs. Essentially this individual requires an additional room to their bedroom and, although not for their sole use, the clinical team feel an additional quiet space will be essential to support all 11 patients safely.
8. Claythorn could not safely meet the needs of both individuals and therefore the transfer of the forensic patient is dependent on the successful discharge of the current Claythorn patient.
9. There is also some urgency in progressing this transfer as the patient awaiting transfer from forensic care has been successful in an appeal against excessive security.
10. We have committed to transferring this patient by the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020.
11. Therefore, the service needs to be able to transfer the patient from forensic services to Claythorn and also be able to accommodate the community patient should this person require to return, either on a short or longer term basis.
12. In order to safely achieve this the intention is to reconfigure Blythswood House in order to safely accommodate the patient being discharged from Claythorn.
13. As this individual will require two rooms this would involve Blythswood reducing from its current 15 beds to 14 beds however a number of environmental changes, including an element of building work will be needed.

### **Scope of Environmental Changes**

#### Claythorn

14. Claythorn will require both rooms currently occupied by the patient to be completely refurbished. This will include replacement en suite facilities, flooring and redecoration. One of these rooms will be re-designated from a bedroom to a 'quiet room' and will need to be designed in such a way as to ensure it is a welcoming, low stimulus but multi-functional space.

#### Blythswood

15. Blythswood will require two rooms to be refitted including the removal of existing fittings and the installation of soft / padded wall coverings and flooring. En-suite will require to be refitted to a specification commensurate with the patient's needs and a degree of electrical work will be needed to ensure this is tamper proof and can be isolated if needed. We also would wish to 'knock through' these two bedrooms to create an adjoining door. Blythswood does not currently have suitable outside space; this mainly consists of hard landscaped court yards. Our plans include the creation of a soft landscaped space.
16. It is the view of the clinical team that the changes proposed to Blythswood although necessary to achieve a contingency plan for the patient being discharged from Claythorn, will overall provide a level of flexibility which is currently unavailable in the service and will provide a dynamic space which will effectively provide a number of options.

17. The senior management team also believe these changes are in line with our current redesign programme and will support our plans to work much more flexibly with community services providing a good resource which can be used in a variety of ways to prevent admission and is therefore consistent with the overall vision and strategic plans.

## **CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

18. We are working closely with NHS estates to complete a programme of works to ensure appropriate compliance with regulations. We will also share these plans with partnership colleagues.

## **IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS**

### Finance

19. We estimate that the service specific costs relating to wall coverings and soft outdoor surfacing will be around £25k. As set out above we are working closely with estates who will arrange all works on our behalf and we may need to contribute towards some of the work we require to undertake. We expect to have full detail of costs by the time the IJB meets on 27 November.
20. The IJB is asked to agree a draw on the earmarked reserve for this service to meet an appropriate share of costs for this work.

### Risk

21. These environmental changes are required to minimise risk to both patients and staff and reflect our overall risk management process. These changes also support our obligation to provide environments which support least restrictive care practices.

### Infrastructure

22. Changes to existing NHS property.

### Equalities

23. Adaptations to meet the needs of patients as part our equality duty.

There are no policy, legal or staffing implications

### Directions

24. None

## **CONCLUSIONS**

25. The SLDS senior management team are of the view these changes are essential to the safe and effective provision of service, are consistent with our strategic plans. There is a requirement to move forward at pace in order to obtain the necessary building permissions in relation to Blythswood and to ensure we can develop a schedule of works which aligns with commitments to discharge, respond to challenges and achieve transfer for the patient from forensic services.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

26. The IJB is asked to support these proposals.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None