

Trust Board Briefing Paper

Date of Meeting: 26th May 2022

Subject: **RESUBMISSION**
Refurbishment/Development of existing inpatient
Ward in Holywell Hospital to become a three Bedded
Inpatient Learning Disability Ward.

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Purpose

To provide a summary of the Capital Business Case for Trust Board approval for funding the refurbishment/development an existing inpatient Ward in Holywell Hospital to become a three bedded Inpatient Learning Disability Ward.

PLEASE NOTE: A version of this business case was previously presented and approved at Trust Board on 28th October 2021. The planned works were issued for tender and a contractor selected via this process during the 2021/22FY. Unfortunately, however this preferred contractor subsequently withdrew from the planned work and now this business case is being represented for approval to enable the second shortlisted contractor for the original tender to be offered the works contract. As the bid value from this contractor for the works was £564K, which is £77k (>10%) above the previously accepted tender value of £487k it was necessary to resubmit the business case for approval again.

Background

Historically the NHSCT acute inpatient Learning Disability (LD) bed provision was commissioned by HSCB from BHSCB at Muckamore Abbey Hospital. Over the past 2 years, Muckamore Abbey Hospital has been closed to admissions.

As such, the NHSCT has recorded a risk to safe service delivery for people who present with need for acute inpatient assessment and treatment. In the absence of Muckamore Abbey Hospital providing acute inpatient LD assessment and treatment beds, the NHSCT has been required to facilitate such admissions through existing Mental Health inpatient provision in Holywell Hospital, which is far from ideal.

Over the last two years the NHSCT have admitted 16 adults with a Learning Disability into Holywell Hospital. Admissions of three of these patients was deemed to be particularly challenging as a direct result of the Mental Health ward environment in which they were accommodated.

To provide an accessible, dedicated resource for adults with a Learning disability who require acute inpatient care, the HSCB has approved a proposal from NHSCT on the development of a 3 bedded inpatient Learning Disability ward within the main Holywell Hospital building that supports adults with a Learning Disability from the Northern and South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust areas. This proposal aims to secure funding for the refurbishment and development of the Carrick 2 ward located in Holywell Hospital to meet the minimum standards for an inpatient Learning Disability environment identified by a working group comprising of staff within the Northern, Belfast, South Eastern Trusts along with the Regulation and Quality Inspection Authority and Trade Union representatives. This will enable the NHSCT and SEHSCT to have in place adequate facilities should the need to admit adults with a Learning Disability into an acute inpatient setting arise.

Options

Four options were reviewed for consideration within the capital business case to refurbish/develop an existing inpatient Ward in Holywell Hospital to become a three-bedded Inpatient Learning Disability Ward.

Option 2 was selected as the preferred option.

Option 2 – This option requires capital investment to bring the current ward up to **statutory standard**. This option will see a programme of Estates works that will meet the minimum requirements as laid out in the proposed business case objectives and be delivered within the 22/23 financial year.

Benefits

- The provision of an appropriately designed three bedded inpatient ward for adults with a Learning Disability who require Mental Health treatment and assessment.
- To provide NHSCT and SEHSCT populations with accessible inpatient care for adults with a Learning Disability requiring acute inpatient Mental Health treatment and assessment.
- Provision of a safe, integrated inpatient governance framework for patients admitted to new LD inpatient facility with the existing Holywell Hospital site.

Capital Cost Summary:

Total Capital Cost - **£ 563,919**

Description	Cost
Works Total including contingency and planning fees:	£504,035
Fees based @12%	£59,884 (of which £31,394 incurred in 2021/22)
Total Scheme value	£563,919

Affordability: Funded from NHSCT General Capital

Revenue costs: A separate revenue business case is being completed by the Division in conjunction with discussions with SPPG and will include full running costs of the ward therefore this capital business case does not include any revenue requirement.

Risks: There is an inherent medium risk associated with implementing a scheme of this nature. To mitigate against these risks, the scheme will be carefully project managed to minimise the impact on business continuity and compliance with RQIA regulatory standards. The Project Manager will liaise closely with Capital Development to ensure any cost / programme risks are communicated and managed in a timely manner.

Failure to implement this project will lead to a high risk of the Trust being unable to meet our duty of care, meet service user needs, ensure statutory compliance, health and safety and a positive service user experience.

Conclusion The proposed works will provide an accessible inpatient environment for adults with a Learning Disability who require acute inpatient admission.

Action required: Authorisation of Business Case to approve funding to refurbish/develop an existing inpatient Ward in Holywell Hospital to become a three Bedded Inpatient Learning Disability Ward.