

## TYC Regional Planning Group – Statutory Residential Care Homes:

### Progress Update (11)

27 June 2014

**Current Status:** Health and Social Care Board has endorsed the Minister's announcements ensuring current permanent residents are able to remain in their existing home for as long as they wish and as long as their care needs can continue to be met. The stage one consultation report was approved by the Health and Social Care Board on 12 June 2014. Trusts have been asked to review their homes using criteria and to review their positions on admission once they have made proposals for the future for each individual home.

#### Meetings:

- 3/6/2014 – Meeting with Age NI, Patient Client Council and representatives from the Commissioner for Older People's Office.
- 6/06/2014 – Regional Planning Group Meeting.
- 12/06/2014 – HSCB Board meeting where Post Consultation Report, EQIA and paper on Trusts' positions on admissions were approved.
- 13/06/2014 - Trade Union colleagues briefed at routine meeting.

#### Consultation:

- The stage one post consultation document on criteria to assess the future role and function of statutory residential care homes was approved by the Health and Social Care Board at its June public meeting.
- The final four criteria in order of importance are; Quality of Care, Availability and Accessibility of Alternative Services, Care Trends and Best Use of Public Money.
- The Board has recommended that Trusts review their individual positions regarding permanent admissions.

- A copy of the consultation report is available at:  
<http://www.hscboard.hscni.net/consult/index.htm>

## Next Steps

- The Board and Local Commissioning Groups (LCGs) will prepare a needs assessment for older peoples' services in each LCG area to form the context within which the evaluation of the future role and function of statutory residential care homes will be made. This will include consideration of the needs of older people, the availability and range of services in the locality to respond to those needs, any planned developments and the capacity to meet current and emerging needs.
- Trusts will be asked to evaluate the future role and function of their statutory residential care homes for older people against the criteria. This work is to be completed in Autumn 2014.
- For those homes where no significant change to the service is planned in the near future the Trust will be asked to review their position on permanent admissions to ensure optimum use can be made of the facility.
- Trusts will submit the results of their evaluation for consideration by the Board and Local Commissioning Groups. They will examine Trust proposals to review how they have applied the criteria to ensure consistency, and to challenge the robustness of suggested changes. Proposals will only be approved if they meet the criteria and Trusts demonstrate that alternative services are in place or that there are clear plans about how alternative services will be put in place. Proposals must also show how alternative uses for the facilities have been considered.
- Subject to satisfactory Board and LCG review Trust proposals will be endorsed by the Board.
- Only in the circumstance that there are no permanent residents and the Trust had thoroughly evaluated potential alternative uses for a home and ruled them out could a proposal for closure be made.
- Trusts will be required to consult locally on any proposed change to the use of a facility. This means that local consultation will be required in the circumstances of a proposal for an alternative use of the facility or for closure (Stage Two of the consultation process).

## Communication:

- A Post Consultation Communications Action Plan has been finalised and implemented.
- FAQs issued to Home Managers following announcements at HSC Board meeting on 12 June.
- Media interviews with UTV and BBC facilitated at Health and Social Care Board meeting on 12 June.
- Social Media posts completed following announcements.
- Documents uploaded onto the Health and Social Care Board's website.
- Statutory Residential Care Home Progress Update Issue 11 distributed to key stakeholders and uploaded onto the Transforming Your Care website.
- Ad Hoc media enquiries continue to be processed as required.