

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS TO WEARMOUTH VIEW,
MONKWEARMOUTH HOSPITAL****REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
NORTHUMBERLAND TYNE & WEAR NHS TRUST****1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To advise the Health and Well Being Scrutiny Committee on Environmental Improvements to be made to Wearmouth View at Monkwearmouth Hospital.

2. Background

- 2.1 Wearmouth View provides care for older adults requiring specialist long term complex care, normally as a result of a progressive organic illness (dementia). The service has 16 beds and is based on the Monkwearmouth site in Sunderland. As part of a programme of upgrading patient environments NTW is about to embark on a refurbishment programme that will deliver an improved environment for people using the service.
- 2.2 As the work will be very disruptive it will be necessary to decant all current patients (8) to another ward area. After discussion within Older Peoples Services it has been agreed to move the patients to Palmer Hospital in Jarrow, South Tyneside for a period of up to six months. Palmer 2 is a ward at Palmer Hospital that has low occupancy with beds available to facilitate the move.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 All patients and families have been informed by the clinical team on Wearmouth View. There are no reported issues relating to visiting etc with families clear that in order to undertake the works a move out is the best option. Patients will be moving along with the nursing team during October.
- 3.2 Any new patients that would normally have been admitted to Wearmouth View will be admitted to either Palmer Hospital or Cherry Knowle. They will move to Wearmouth View when works are complete. It is expected that works will be complete in March when patients will return. This is in line with the Department of Health Guidance on moving groups of frail older people. When this occurs the use of the ward at Palmer will be considered in line with the PRIDE Project plans.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The Committee are asked to support the positive improvements being made to Wearmouth View in line with modernising environments across Northumberland Tyne & Wear NHS Trust.

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