

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Director of the Community Health and Care Partnership

Community Health and Care Partnership Committee: 21st August 2013

Subject: NHSGGC Vision for the Vale – Patient Activity Information Update

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update the CHCP Committee on levels of patient activity and the degree to which they are consistent with the NHSGGC Vision for the Vale.

2. Recommendations

The Committee are recommended to note the Report and that the activity data is consistent with that previously predicted.

3. Background

3.1 The Committee will recall from its March 2012 meeting that when the Cabinet Secretary approved the dissolution of the Vale of Leven Monitoring Group it was confirmed that regular activity updates would be provided to the local Public Partnership Forum (PPF) and the CHCP Committee.

3.2 This activity update covers three distinct areas as follows:

- Adult Mental Health In-Patient Activity
- Acute Services
- The Vale Centre for Health & Care

4. Main Issues

Adult Mental Health In-Patient Activity

4.1 Data on the number of admissions to Acute Psychiatric Inpatient beds in Gartnavel Royal of previous Christie Ward catchment area from October 2012 to March 2013 shows on average the population required 11 beds. This is slightly below with the projected bed use of 12 beds.

4.2 Boarding Activity (these are patients who are admitted to another hospital other than their host hospital Gartnavel Royal) for a 6 month period has been recorded at 0.1 beds. This is a reduction with the historical boarding out information.

4.3 The average length of stay in an Acute Psychiatric bed over the last 3 months, October 2012 to March 2013, is 35 days: this is consistent with historical data.

Acute Services

- 4.4** The activity position for the Vale of Leven Hospital based on the 12 months to March 2013 is described below and compared to the previous year 2011/12.
- 4.5** Activity levels at the Vale of Leven Hospital have remained relatively static since 2009/10. There are some variations by specialty but the numbers are relatively small.
- 4.6** New outpatient activity has fallen slightly by 1.7% in the 12 months to March 2013 after a 1.1% increase in 2011/12. Whilst some specialties are showing a slight reduction in activity, others continue to see an improvement in activity including the medical specialties, General Surgery, Gynaecology, Dermatology and Paediatrics. The establishment of an additional Geriatric Medicine clinic as part of planned Older People's Change Fund developments contributed to a sustained increase in activity in this specialty. Although activity has fallen slightly in Urology and Rheumatology in the current year to date, both areas saw a significant increase in activity in 2011/12, with Urology up 21.4% and Rheumatology up 86.8% on the full year 2010/11.
- 4.7** In the 12 months to March 2013, there has been a 0.6% increase in day case activity. This is in addition to the 4.3% increase in 2011/12. There have been significant increases in Urology (+245 patients) and Ophthalmology (+115 patients) while Haematology has declined from 2,923 cases between April 2011 and March 2012, to 2,745 cases between April 2012 and March 2013, a decrease of 178 patients. This continues to be monitored to ensure maximum utilisation of the Vale of Leven Hospital.
- 4.8** The combined elective and emergency inpatient activity demonstrates a 12.2% increase from April 2012 to March 2013 compared to the same period last year. Maternity inpatient activity for the year to date shows an increase, however births are down 13 from the same period last year. 2011/12 saw an increase of 19 births against the previous year.
- 4.9** Emergency attendances at the Vale of Leven Hospital have increased by 0.4% on the same period last year. Medical Assessment Unit attendances have fallen slightly by 1.6% from April 2012 to March 2013 compared to the same period in 2011/12, with attendances at the Minor Injuries Unit increasing by 1.6%.

Post code analysis

- 4.10** An analysis of patient post codes was carried out in order to monitor the percentage of patients from the Vale of Leven Hospital catchment who attended for either an outpatient consultation or a day case procedure. The figures overleaf cover the full year 2012/13 compared with the 2011/2012 and 2009/2010 full year positions.

	2012/13 position	2011/12 position	2009/10 position
New outpatients	72.3% (16,370)	74.6% (16,452)	71.1% (15,463)
Day cases	69.7% (7,323)	70.9% (7,508)	71.3% (7,549)

- 4.11** The table above demonstrates the variance, with an increase of 1.2% new outpatients from the Vale of Leven Hospital catchment attending in 2012/13 than was the case in 2009/10. The percentage of patients attending for a day case procedure in the period has fallen by 1.6%, with 69.7% attending in 2012/13 compared with 71.3% attending in 2009/10.

Outpatients

- 4.12** At a specialty level General Surgery, Urology, Geriatric Medicine, Renal and Rheumatology demonstrated an increase in patients from the Vale of Leven Hospital catchment attending in 2012/13, compared with 2009/10. Orthopaedics and Gynaecology attenders were relatively static, while ENT and Haematology has declined slightly. Ophthalmology has seen local attendances decline reflecting the decrease in referrals to the service of 8.6% in the last year.

Day cases

- 4.13** At a specialty level Urology and Ophthalmology day case attenders from the Vale of Leven Hospital catchment have increased compared with 2009/10, while Orthopaedics, Haematology and General Surgery are slightly down. The percentage of local patients attending for Gynaecology has declined, impacted upon by the move of some procedures from the day case setting to outpatients

The Vale Centre for Health & Care

- 4.14** As separately reported Committee, this £20.8 million commitment has now been successfully delivered. The overall project has been successfully managed and delivered on schedule and on budget. It is worth noting that this has been supported by the CHCP having exemplified a community planning approach to working with partner organisations and local communities in successfully delivering this major transformational public sector capital investment within the area.
- 4.15** This project has been supported with an external quality assurance process - i.e. the Office of Government Commerce (OGC) Gateway Review – which the Scottish has continued to utilise to assess and provide assurance on the delivery of major public sector investments such as this. The Gate 4 (readiness for service) Review investigates the organisation's readiness to make the transition from the specification/solution to implementation. A comprehensive and intensive Gate 4 Review for this project was undertaken at end of June 2013. The Review Team assessed overall delivery confidence as green, i.e. on target to succeed.

4.16 At the time of writing this report, intensive work was well underway to target the Centre as a whole becoming operational on the 19th August 2013.

5. People Implications

5.1 There are no specific personnel issues associated with this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7. Risk Analysis

7.1 Not required for this report.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment

8.1 Not required for this report.

9. Consultation

9.1 An activity update was formally provided to the July 2013 meeting of the West Dunbartonshire CHCP Public Partnership Forum (PPF).

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 Not required for this report.

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Appendices: None

Background Papers: NHSGGC Vision for the Vale of Leven:
http://www.nhsggc.org.uk/content/default.asp?page=home_valevision
CHCP Committee Report: The new Vale Centre for
Health & Care (August 2013)

Wards Affected: All