

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE CHCP

Report by the Director of the Community Health and Care Partnership

Community Health and Care Partnership Committee: November 2012

Subject: Vale Vision – 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 Vale Vision.

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 Members will recall that it was reported to the CHCP Committee in March 2012 that the Cabinet Secretary had approved the winding up of the Vale of Leven Monitoring Group and that in the future the responsibility for maintaining an overview of activity would sit with the Public Partnership Fora in both West Dunbartonshire and Argyle & Bute, with an overall position reported through the CHCP Committee and NHS Board as required.

3.2 At that time it was agreed that this would be reported initially every 6 months and this report represents the first report of the new monitoring arrangements.

3.3 The activity overview covers three distinct areas as follows:

- Adult Mental Health in patient activity
- Acute Services
- New Vale Centre for Health & Care

4. Main Issues

Adult Mental Health

4.1 Data on the number of admissions to Acute Psychiatric Inpatient beds in Gartnavel of previous Christie catchment area from September 2011 to September 2012 shows on average the population required 12 beds. This is in line 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 12 month period has been recorded at 0.4 beds. This is consistent with the historical boarding out information.
- 4.3** The average length of stay in an Acute Psychiatric bed over the last 12 months is 30 days; this is consistent with historical data.

Acute Services

- 4.4** The activity position for the Vale of Leven Hospital based on the first five months to August 2012 is described below.
- 4.5** New outpatient activity increased by 1.1% in 2011/12 and has continued to increase in the first five months of the year, up by 4.5% against the same period last year. Whilst some specialties are showing a slight reduction in activity, others continue to see an improvement in activity including the medical specialties, Dermatology, ENT and Paediatrics. In addition, a further clinic has been established for Geriatric Medicine as part of the planned Change Fund developments, contributing to the increase in activity. Although activity has fallen slightly in Urology and Rheumatology in the current year to date, both areas increased significantly at year end, with Urology up 21.4% and Rheumatology up 86.8% on the full year 2010/11.
- 4.6** The day case position at the end of 2011/12 showed a 4.3% overall increase and is currently showing an increase in activity of 5.5% in the first five months to August 2012. There have been significant increases in Urology (+189 patients) and Ophthalmology (+72 patients) while Haematology has declined from 1,223 cases between April and August 2011, to 1,128 cases between April and August 2012, a decrease of 95 patients. This continues to be monitored to ensure maximum use of the Vale of Leven Hospital.
- 4.7** The inpatient activity position demonstrates a 12.1% increase from April to August 2012 compared to the same period in 2011. Maternity activity showed an increase in 2011/12, with 19 additional births compared with 2010/11. For the year to August 2012, there have been 44 births, down 5 from the same period last year.
- 4.8** Attendances at the Minor Injuries Unit have increased by 6.9% from April to August 2012 compared to the same period in 2011, with attendances at the Medical Assessment Unit declining slightly from 2,336 from April to August 2011, to 2,280 from April to August 2012.

Post code analysis

- 4.9** An analysis of patient post codes for the period April 2011 to March 2012 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. This is benchmarked against the position in 2009/10.

Overall position	2011/12 position	2009/10 position
New outpatients	74.6%	71.1%
Day cases	70.9%	71.3%

- 4.11** The table above demonstrates the variance, with an increase of 3.5% new outpatients from the Vale of Leven Hospital catchment attending in 2011/12 than was the case in 2009/10. The percentage of patients attending for a day case procedure in the period has remained relatively stable, with 70.9% attending in 2011/12 compared with 71.3% attending in 2009/10.

Outpatients

- 4.12** At a specialty level General Surgery, Urology, Geriatric Medicine, Gynaecology, Renal and Rheumatology demonstrated an increase in patients from the Vale of Leven catchment attending in 2011/12, compared with 2009/10. Orthopaedics and ENT attenders were relatively static, while 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 Orthopaedics, Urology and Ophthalmology day case attenders from the Vale of Leven catchment have increased compared with 2009/10, while 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. Overall, the position is fairly static at approximately 71%.

Vale Centre for Health & Care

As members know the new Centre is well underway and due to be operational during summer 2013. The build remains on target both in respect of timescales and budget.

5. People Implications

There are no specific personnel issues associated with this report.

6. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7. Risk Analysis

Not required for this report

8. Equalities Impact Assessment

Not required for this report

9. Consultation

Not required for this report

10. Strategic Assessment

Not required for this report.

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