

Appendix 1 – Recommendation on Review of Residential Care Homes for Older People

The Trust has considered fully the range of issues, views and concerns submitted during the consultation exercise. These views must be balanced with the Trust's responsibility to provide a range of services which effectively meet the assessed health and social care needs of its resident population. The overall service provision model must be in line with the strategic policy framework set out for service provision. Ensure that the services provided are high quality, safe, effective and meet all legislative and regulatory requirements. The Trust must also consider alternative residential care provision within each of the localities which is equal or better than the current provision. It is within this context that the Trust has arrived at the following recommendation for each of the four homes identified within the Trust's proposal.

Foyleville Residential Care Home for Older People:

The Trust originally proposed that Foyleville would no longer provide residential care from the end of September 2009. Having listened to and carefully considered the strength and depth of feeling expressed by all respondents it is recommended that Foyleville should continue to offer residential care to existing residents for as long as it meets their care needs (eg if a resident's needs change to the point where they require nursing home care, alternative provision will be made). However there should be no further permanent admissions. Where current residents wish to avail of suitable alternative accommodation Trust staff should support residents and relatives in exercising choice.

The Trust has taken into consideration the following factors;

- The reducing level of demand for Residential Care evident within this locality.
- The proximity of William Street Residential Home for Older People.
- The plan to re-model an existing housing facility in this locality has now been adopted by the Western Area Supporting People steering group. This proposal will result in the development of a housing with care facility for older people and will provide 11 additional housing with care places in this area. It is proposed that this will be developed during 2010/11.

- The development of a new floating support scheme for older people will deliver low level care and housing support within this locality. This will commence in May 2009.
- The earmarked investment to enhance the provision of domiciliary care, further develop flexicare, services for carers and the development of telecare.

Gortmore Residential Care Home for Older People

The Trust originally proposed that Gortmore would no longer provide residential care from the end of September 2009. Having listened to and carefully considered the strength and depth of feeling by all respondents it is recommended that Gortmore should continue to offer residential care to existing residents for as long as it meets their care needs (eg if a resident's needs change to the point where they require nursing home care, alternative provision will be made). However there should be no further permanent admissions. Where current residents wish to avail of suitable alternative accommodation Trust staff would support residents and relatives in exercising choice.

The Trust has taken into consideration the following factors;

- The reducing level of demand for Residential Care evident within this locality.
- The extension of Hillview Nursing and Residential Home will provide residential care facilities within the Omagh area that complies fully with the environmental standards required of new nursing and residential care home facilities.
- The earmarked investment to enhance the provision of domiciliary care, further develop flexicare, services for carers and the development of telecare.

Drumhaw Residential Care Home for Older People

The Trust originally proposed that Drumhaw would no longer provide residential care from the end of March 2010. Having listened to and carefully considered the strength and depth of feeling by all respondents it is recommended that Drumhaw should continue to offer residential care to existing residents for as long as it meets their care needs (eg if a resident's needs change to the point where they require nursing home care, alternative provision will be made). However there should be no further permanent admissions. Where current residents wish to avail of suitable alternative accommodation Trust staff would support residents and relatives in exercising choice.

The Trust has taken into consideration the following factors;

- The reducing level of demand for Residential Care evident within this locality.
- Engagement with a local nursing home provider in Lisnaskea, who now proposes to develop a further 20 places, 15 of which will be registered for residential care. This extension will comply fully with the environmental standards required of new nursing and residential care home facilities
- The planned development of a new housing with care and residential EMI facility within Enniskillen to meet the needs of people with dementia within Fermanagh.
- The earmarked investment to enhance the provision of domiciliary care, further develop flexicare, services for carers and the development of telecare.

Greenfield Residential Home for Older People

The Trust originally proposed that Greenfield would no longer provide residential care from the end of March 2010. Having listened to and carefully considered the strength and depth of feeling by all respondents it is recommended that Greenfield should continue to offer residential care to existing residents for as long as it meets their care needs (eg if a resident's needs change to the point where they require nursing home care, alternative provision will be made).

The Trust will still offer permanent admissions to this Home. However the Trust recognises that Greenfield does not offer the standard of accommodation that we would wish to and therefore it is recommended that Trust staff should work with housing providers to progress the development of care and accommodation alternatives within this locality. This is unlikely to take place within the current CSR period.

Where current residents wish to avail of suitable alternative accommodation Trust staff would support residents and relatives in exercising choice.

The Trust has taken into consideration the following factors;

- The level of demand for Residential Care within this locality.
- The limited range of alternative accommodation options within this locality.

- The earmarked investment to enhance the provision of domiciliary care, further develop flexicare, services for carers and the development of telecare.

Appendix 2 - Recommendation on Review of Day Care Services for Older People

The Trust originally proposed that in year 2 of this CSR period, £150k would be saved through a combination of merging statutory day care provision between Strathroy and Gortmore Day Centre in Omagh and also between Greenfield and County Buildings Day Centres in Strabane and the reduction of day care provision in 4 outreach centres across the Omagh locality. In year 3 a further £175k would be achieved through a further reduction in day care provision within Castlederg and Fermanagh.

The Trust has listened carefully to the strength and depth of feeling expressed by service users and their carers. In addition community and voluntary sector organisations have highlighted their concerns with regard to the possible impact on the sustainability of their services.

It is recommended that the Trust process to effect its proposal to merge the statutory day care provision in Omagh and in Strabane. This can be achieved without any reduction in service to current service users.

The proposed reduction in day care provision in the outreach centres in years 2 and 3 should not proceed. This means that the same level of service will be available to older people in the following areas: Gortin, Dromore, Beragh, Newtownstewart, Belcoo, Garrison, Newtownbutler and Irvinestown, within this CSR period.

Regional access criteria have been agreed which apply to day care services. It is recommended that the Trust should use this criteria to ensure that older people are able to access day care services at a level to suit their care needs.

As a result the Trust will now engage in detailed discussion with service providers from this sector to agree how the development of Level 2 Day Care Services can be progressed to address the needs of older people locally whilst at the same time supporting providers to achieve sustainability.

The Trust has found the engagement with all stakeholders an extremely productive exercise in highlighting a range of issues the

Trust will need to pay attention to when developing any new model of service provision. The Trust will work diligently to ensure that the many benefits associated with the current service provision model are maintained within any proposed service model to ensure the many positive outcomes from the services we provide, acknowledged by consultees, continue to be derived.