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Councillor Sven Rufus

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Dear Councillor Rufus

Transfer of mental health services from Buckingham Road

Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust will vacate Buckingham Road location by 31 March 2013. The following clinics are transferring to new locations:

- Recovery Clinic
- Specialist Eating Disorder Clinic
- Specialist Neurobehavioural Clinic

The service users who attend the Recovery Clinic will transfer to either Hove Polyclinic (located on Mill View Hospital site) or East Brighton Community Mental Health Team (located on East Brighton General site). Both specialist clinics are transferring to East Brighton Community Mental Health. These clinics are regional and therefore serve the whole population of Sussex.

This service relocation is taking place as a result of the CCG's re-commissioning of the day service provided from Buckingham Road. There is no loss of provision as part of the relocation.

Sussex Partnership is also in the process of implementing the Assessment and Treatment Service and this was launched in June 2012. Service improvements continue to take place across the assessment and treatment service. These will be completed by April 2013. A key aspect of the new service model is the co location of professionals and improved environments for service users and staff to support new ways of working. The staff located at Buckingham Road are relocating to new team bases.

It is anticipated the new Assessment and Treatment Service will bring the following benefits to service users:

- it is an ageless adult service for all adults aged 18 and over this will therefore remove the previous barriers that existed for service users when they reach 65
- reduced number of assessments
- multi disciplinary triage
- access to specialist assessment
- improved environment for outpatient clinics (waiting areas and clinic rooms)
- a new group treatment programme
- greater flexibility across the service to enable greater service user choice

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- increased access to psychological interventions
- improved communication between professionals through collocation and new ways of working

Wherever possible we are ensuring continuity of care for service users and are seeking to minimise any disruption to them that may occur through service users attending a new location and changing the professionals involved in their care. Impact on individuals is being discussed as part of individual care planning.

Over the past 12 months the new service model and relocation of services has been shared at the Mind Live Gateway sessions. The embedded briefing note has been shared with service users at the sessions. Care Coordinators have been working with individual service users on the relocation and discussing the changes that will affect them.

The new model of care was discussed with representatives from LINKS across Sussex in 2011. A Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment has been undertaken and this has informed a number of actions we will be progressing.

If you have any further questions please do contact us.

Yours sincerely

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