

## Mental Health Acute Beds

### HWOSC Update - February 2013

#### 1. Purpose of the Paper

The purpose of this paper is to update the HWOSC regarding the investment in community mental health services to support the acute bed reductions programme.

#### 2. Background

Previous papers have described the rationale for the proposals. The last report to the HWOSC was in December 2012

#### 3. Update on Investment in Community Services

3.1 **Crisis Resolution Home Treatment Team.** Most of the new posts have now been recruited too. Some staff have already started work, and it is expected that by April the team will be full established.

3.2 **Investment in Additional Care Co-ordinators.** The 7 additional posts have been advertised. Interviews are scheduled for 28 February.

3.3 **Enhanced Brighton Urgent Response Service.** This new service providing a 24/7 urgent response started on 14 January. Further details about the impact of this service development will be provided the next report to HWOSC.

4. **Update on Performance - Access to Acute Mental Health Beds.** The latest data (October to December 2012) shows that 94% of people have been able to access a bed within the City which is very near the 95% target This has increased from the previous quarter where performance was at 93%

#### 5. Summary

The beds have been closed on a temporary basis for over a year (since January 2012). The system has on the whole managed well with less beds and the overall position in terms of people being able to access beds in the City is now at 94%. It should be noted that this improvement has been made prior to the additional community investment taking effect and this provides confidence that the once the new investment is in place the system will be able to operate safely and effectively. The new posts associated with the community investment are coming on line between January and April 2013. The Clinical Review Group will closely monitor the impact of the new investment and anticipate being able to bring a full report to a HWOSC meeting in early summer that demonstrates the system is safe for the beds to be closed on a permanent basis.

