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Dear Cllr Gantly

Re: Notification to consult on:
Transforming Mental Health Services in Camden and Islington

Thank you for holding a joint meeting with Camden Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee a few weeks ago. Islington and Camden Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Camden and Islington Foundation Trust found this a very useful way of engaging with both committees. I welcome your feedback on the consultation process and methodology, we now in a position to launch the public consultation on the 6th July 2018.

The committees requested further information about the range of meetings we would be holding. Please see attached planned meetings with a range of stakeholder groups; feedback from you is very welcome to help us ensure that all opportunities are taken to widely engage people from a range of perspectives.

As part of our legal duty to consult Islington CCG as the lead commissioning authority formally requests, under regulation 23 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, our intention to consult with the Local Authority on these substantial changes to local health services via the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee.

We are consulting on significant changes to mental health services, to modernise and improve the quality of care provided to local people. There are two aspects to the changes which are proposed:

1. We are proposing to move the St Pancras Hospital inpatient unit to a new and purpose-built site next to the Whittington Hospital. The development of a new inpatient facility 2.5 miles away from the existing site, alongside new community facilities on the existing site and development of two new community hubs, supports our vision for delivering mental health services which meet the needs of the local population. We are consulting to understand whether you agree with the move of the inpatient unit and your views on what you believe are the benefits and concerns of the proposed move.

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2. We believe that the Trust's current community mental health teams could also operate much more effectively and efficiently. Currently, they are in many different, often old and hard-to-access buildings. This makes joined-up working between different teams difficult and also means that some patients and carers often have to travel to several different locations to get the care they require. We are therefore proposing to relocate some services delivered at other community sites into two community hub locations and some services currently delivered at the St Pancras Hospital site will also be delivered in the two community hub locations. This allows more patient choice of where to be seen and is an advantage of having larger community facilities. The two community hubs will be located at Lowther Road, Islington and Greenland Road, Camden.

The public consultation will run from Friday 6th July 2018 to Friday 12th October 2018.

We would welcome a response to the CCG on our proposals from the Local Authority by the 12th October 2018.

Following this the output report from the consultation is expected to be published by December 2018 and the CCGs to make their recommendations and decision by January 2018.

Therefore I would also request a formal response from the Local Authority on our recommendations based on consultation feedback in December 2018.

I expect that you would like the CCG to make a formal presentation to the committee, which will facilitate receiving your feedback, both during the consultation and in December to review our recommendations. Please contact sarah.soan@nhs.net to arrange this.

Given that the changes affect residents of both Islington and Camden I would appreciate the establishment of a fixed term Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider and provide views on the consultation. This can build on the successful committee in common that has already taken place between the Health and Care Scrutiny Committees and Governing Bodies of the two CCGs, and may support other public consultations that affect the two boroughs. As such I have also written to Camden Health and Adult Social Care Committee with this request.

Yours sincerely



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