

Angus Care Model



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In-patient care review

Staff Update – 18 January 2019

As you will be aware from ongoing discussions and previous newsletters, over the past 12 months, Angus Health and Social Care Partnership has been reviewing the delivery of inpatient care across Angus.

This newsletter gives an update on plans to move forward with the reconfiguration of inpatient care in Angus.

Agreed plans for inpatient care under the Angus Care Model

At the Angus IJB meeting on 10 January 2018, members agreed on a model for inpatient care which will result in a reduction in the number of inpatient beds required across Angus. Inpatient care for

- Stroke will be provided from Stracathro Hospital
- Psychiatry of Old Age will be provided on the Stracathro and Whitehills Health and Community Care Centre (Forfar) sites
- Medicine for the Elderly (MFE) and palliative care services will be provided from Stracathro, Whitehills in Forfar and Arbroath Infirmary.

Progress made so far

Psychiatry of Old Age (POA)

The number of POA beds in Angus has reduced from 42 to 35:

Rowan Unit, Susan Carnegie Building, Stracathro (Functional admission and assessment) reduced from 15 to 13 beds.

Willow Unit, Susan Carnegie Building, Stracathro (Organic admission and assessment) remains unchanged with 12 beds.

Prosen Ward, Whitehills Health and Community Care Centre, (Organic admission and assessment) reduced from 15 – 10 beds.

Stroke Unit, A Block Stracathro

The number of Stroke beds within A Block at Stracathro Hospital remains unchanged at 10.

Medicine for the Elderly (MFE)

The number of MFE beds has reduced from 74 to 60.

Brechin Infirmary

The Brechin Infirmary site was handed over the NHS Tayside Estates on 4 June.

Montrose Royal Infirmary

Angus Health and Social Care Partnership provided advance notice of the planned withdrawal of inpatient care Montrose Royal Infirmary (MRI) week commencing 19 March 2018. The last patient was discharged from MRI on 21 March 2018. The MRI site was handed over to NHS Tayside Estates on 4 June 2018.

Arbroath Infirmary

The number of beds in Arbroath Infirmary remains at 22. This includes three beds for non-complex palliative care.

Ward 2, A Block, Stracathro

The number of beds in Ward 2, A Block, Stracathro remains at 14.

Isla and Clova wards, Whitehills Health and Community Care Centre.

The number of beds in Clova Ward have reduced from 13 to 12. This includes four beds for non-complex palliative care within the Strathmore Hospice. The MFE team took over the management of the beds in Clova, from GPs, on 26 September 2018.

The number of beds in Isla Ward have reduced from 16 to 12.

Next Steps

Isla and Clova

Discussions are ongoing to further reduce the combined number of beds in Clova/Isla to 21.

When will the Stroke Unit and Ward 2 in A Block move over to the vacant unit within Susan Carnegie Centre previously used by Mulberry?

Discussions around the permanent move from A Block to the vacant inpatient Unit within The Susan Carnegie Centre are ongoing. We are keen to progress with this move as soon as possible. An architect has been appointed to provide advice about the installation of medical gases. As yet no date has been set for the move. We will keep staff informed as further progress is made.

New name for the Stroke Unit/MFE unit in Susan Carnegie

When General Adult Psychiatry beds moved from the Susan Carnegie Centre to Caresview in Dundee, the Mulberry Unit identity transferred at the same time. In preparation for the move over to the Susan Carnegie Centre it is necessary that we rename the unit.

In keeping with the Scottish flora theme to describe a “tranquil calming environment to aid recovery” which was suggested from our users group when Susan Carnegie Centre was first built, we will be looking for suggestions for a new name for the area which will accommodate stroke and MFE. We will be asking members of the public who live in the NE Locality and staff who work in the Stroke Unit/Ward 2 and in A Block to help us to do this. A panel will review all entries and confirm the new name

of the ward by the end of February 2019. Information will be issued shortly on how to submit your ideas.

We will work closely with all staff as plans develop and keep all staff up to date with what is happening.

Any questions?

We hope you find this update helpful. If you have any questions please contact:

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