

Fact Sheet for Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

East Kent Younger Adult Inpatient Accommodation

St Martins, Canterbury

As part of its commitment to the delivery of high quality community focused mental health care services to the people of Kent, the Trust (KMPT) has developed, through its ongoing service redesign work with users and staff, a new model of care for younger adults. This model of care focuses on early intervention, local community access and high quality inpatient services and is underpinned by the centralisation of younger adult inpatient beds for the east Kent locality onto the St Martins Hospital site in Canterbury.

The work to develop and agree this care model has been in progress since 2004, when it was initiated by the then PCT commissioners at East Kent and has been undertaken in collaboration with service users, carers, clinicians, SSD partners, staff and the wider community. The PCT continues to provide strong support for the project.

These wide ranging discussions and local inputs have resulted in an agreement for 36 new inpatient beds at St Martins, replacing existing beds in the Arundel Unit, William Harvey Hospital, Ashford and complemented by the beds in the existing Anselm and Dudley Venables Wards on the site.

The Outline Business Case for capital investment was formally considered by the Trust Board, PCT Board and South East Coast Strategic Health Authority at the end of February 2010, and approved.

The Trust is working with Kier Health, its Procure 21 Partner to develop the detailed design for the new wards. The design will provide a high quality patient care environment and is being developed to ensure that the total complement of four wards are situated around a focal 'village green' style campus.

Key facts

Two purpose built 18 bedded inpatient wards with supporting accommodation.

All new facilities to feature individual bedrooms with ensuite facilities

Two bedrooms will provide comprehensive facilities for physically disabled service users

Total value £9.5 million approx (build, fees, equipment)

Building will conform to all Department of Health and Government guidance on hospital accommodation and meet standards for sustainability and carbon reduction

Indicative date for construction start November 2010

Indicative date for use by service users April 2012

18 May 2010