

Transforming services for older people

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Alison Macdonald writes...

I just thought I would bring you up to date with what's happening with our programme to provide services currently delivered by the Edington and Belhaven Hospitals and the Abbey and Eskgreen Care Homes. As you know, we had an event at Queen Margaret University on 4 June 2019. We invited people from the three towns most affected and also representatives from across East Lothian. The services under discussion are currently used by people from all over East Lothian and will continue to be so. Those who were able to come took part in a discussion with me, Richard Park, Martin Hensman and Graham McCorkindale from Hub South East (Hub SE), and Andrew Milne and Miriam Anderson from NHS Lothian Projects Team.

In a stimulating session, we were able to introduce the multi-award-winning Hub SE who will be working on the development and delivery of the new provision with us. Their involvement attracts Scottish Government funding, which addresses local groups' legitimate concerns about sourcing land and finance.

At the forefront of new thinking

Martin Hensman, Head of Development at Hub SE, gave a presentation on current thinking on accommodation for older people. He described a recent study tour that he and colleagues from Hub South East had made to Laverhof and Hogeweck in the Netherlands. Both projects have been developed with:

- A focus on place making
- A homely approach to internal design
- Shared living
- On-site health and social care support
- Social areas shared with the local community.



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This approach, tailored to local needs in each area, would fit better with what people have said they would like than the solely extra-care housing option, which was originally suggested when we began engaging on the project.

Graham McCorkindale, Hub SE Technical Adviser and Healthcare Specialist, explained how the Hub SE process worked. He said that it was based around listening, understanding, questioning and advising. This is reflected in the Hub SE process, which is to:

- Develop a project brief that looks at what ELHSCP and the each community need
- Look at site options—where could/should the new provision go?
- Support the business case—how do we get there?
- Design and technical input—are we doing it right?
- Engage stakeholders throughout—the communities involved, health and social care staff, technical teams and politicians.

See all the presentations at https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/download/13187/shifting_the_balance_of_care



Over to you

We promised you that local people would be involved in local project groups that would co-design the delivery of the new provision in their area.

There has been a bit of a hiatus over the summer. This is mainly due to the fact the team who will be working with you to transform services for older people is also the one that is delivering the new East Lothian Community Hospital. In September, their focus is on ensuring that the new building is ready to receive its first inpatients at the end of the month. However, once that is done, they will be able to pick the transformation programme and run with it. We hope to hold the first meetings for this phase of the transformation project towards the end of October. This will enable to new East Lothian Hospital to be signed off and avoid the Autumn school break.

Next steps

At these meetings, we will also ask you to nominate some local representatives to become members of a local project/reference group, and discuss how they will use their networks to ensure that everyone who wants to be involved can share their ideas. The work we do now will inform the business case that will eventually go to the Scottish Government for approval. At these meetings, we will also share a timeline so that you can see at a glance how the project should move along. If you are interested in being at one of the meetings, please email Jane at elhscp@eastlothian.gov.uk to let her know. Dates, times and venues will be announced nearer the time.

Looking forward to seeing you very soon.

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