

## Appendix ix

### Action Notes of Eastern System Escalation Meeting 2nd October 2014

#### Present:

NDHT : Alison Diamond, Keri Storey, Andy Ibbs

RDE : Angela Pedder, Em Wilkinson-Brice,

CCG : John Finn, David Jenner, Hugh Groves, Rebecca Harriott

#### Key Decisions

- 1) RDE & CCG support in principle for direction of travel re community hospital bed reductions and resultant community services mitigation presented by NDHT for changes to baseline services. Acknowledgement of the difficulty of precise modelling & quantification of impact and therefore desire for winter solutions to also provide some contingency whilst confidence is increased that the solutions are delivering the desired results. Confirmation from NDHT that bed closures would not take place in advance of mitigation measures being in place.
- 2) From 1<sup>st</sup> January capacity identified for surge would be opened for a 3 month period. Exmouth 8 beds, Ottery 8 beds, Sidmouth 6 Beds (note removal of ottery from the 19.2 to avoid double count). Recruitment to commence immediately - RDE to recruit registered nurses, NDHT to recruit unregistered (subject to confirmation by Kevin Marsh within 24 hours). Costs to be agreed via SRG as part of winter resilience monies (Andy Ibbs to provide). Note – subject to confirmation (see below) it was understood that 24/30 of the additional capacity has now been sourced.

#### Clarification provided:

- As consolidation is temporary GPs will continue to receive bed fund payments for average workload. Experience in Torrington has been that the changed model of care has not resulted in additional work for in hours or out of hours primary care.
- Mitigation is sensitive to local circumstances including domiciliary care pressures where eg for Crediton additional band 3 resource has been allowed for as a contingency against delay in availability of domiciliary care
- Bed Closures will not take place ahead of mitigation. From 1<sup>st</sup> November Crediton beds will be closed. No other bed closures will take place ahead of 1<sup>st</sup> January.

#### Key Actions:

- a) Statement of Bed equivalence now identified to be produced for attendees of the meeting and for SRG – John Finn
- b) Timeline for consolidation and mitigation for both medical beds and stroke beds to be produced – Andy Ibbs
- c) Detailed discussion on stroke to be held between RDE (Pete Adey) and NDHT – Andy Ibbs
- d) Frequently asked Questions sheet to be produced. Questions to be forwarded to Alison. David to speak to Simon Kerr to gather key questions. Answers will be used to support engagement with GPs and local communities to provide increased confidence in mitigation – David Jenner, Alison Diamond. All (for additional questions)
- e) Further discussion required re RDE acute services winter preparedness - John Finn
- f) Recruitment and costing for additional beds 1<sup>st</sup> Jan-31<sup>st</sup> March - see 2 above
- g) Further work to continue re the cohort of individuals who are delayed in RDE and for whom a community hospital admission is not appropriate – SRG
- h) Further work to continue re quantifying the admissions avoidance schemes – SRG

- i) System bed numbers to be compiled for NEW Devon CCG footprint – acute and community, elective, non-elective. Public health to be asked to complete this work – John Finn