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Adult mental health and learning disability services director

Teresa Smith has been appointed director of adult mental health and learning disability services for Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT).

Teresa now heads up one of three divisions in LPT, leading the work of around 1,400 of the Trust's 5,400-strong workforce and working alongside clinical director Mohammed Al-Uzri,

Services range from acute inpatient adult mental health care and crisis care to psychological therapies, community mental health care, prison health care and assertive outreach, as well as learning disability services that include locality-based multi-disciplinary teams, short-break homes, autism, outreach services and inpatient care.



Teresa's appointment was announced by LPT chief executive Dr Peter Miller and follows a 16-month period in the role of acting director for the division. During that time she has led a range of successful service improvements and developments including:

- An intensive programme of quality improvement work at the Bradgate Mental Health Unit
- The launch of the Leicestershire Recovery College, on the Glenfield Hospital site, which is now in its second successful year
- The development of a ground-breaking triage car service, in partnership with Leicestershire Police, and the subsequent successful tender for developing one of 10 national criminal liaison and diversion pilot projects

A qualified nurse with more than 20 years' NHS experience in both clinical and managerial roles, Teresa has also led a number of service transformation projects in community nursing, specialist nursing, intermediate care and inpatient units.

She becomes a permanent member of the LPT executive team and Trust Board.

Dr Miller commented: “Teresa beat off strong national competition in a very comprehensive interview process to secure the role. I look forward very much to working together as we all strive to develop and improve the quality of our services to ensure they meet the needs of our patients.”

Teresa added: “I have an ambitious vision for adult mental health and learning disability services, putting patients at the heart of everything we do, be that the development of integrated care pathways or creating the right leadership in our services to create a culture that nurtures hard work and innovation.”

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NOTES TO EDITORS Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living Leicester, Leicestershire and. Trust serves a population of one million, has a budget in excess of £282 million and employs approximately 5,400 staff. For more information visit www.leicspart.nhs.uk

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