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CAMHS Inpatient Service Relocation

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust is today pleased to announce that the relocation of the Inpatient Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) from Oakham House will take place on 24 March to Coalville Hospital, Ward 3. An open day for stakeholders to view the facilities and talk to staff will take place on 20 March.

The CAMHS inpatient service provides support to children and young people in the East Midlands, between the ages of 11 – 18, requiring acute mental health care. The unit can admit up to 10 patients at any one time and sees approximately 70 young people per year – on average patients stay for approximately six weeks. The service will continue to provide the same number of beds at its new location.

The temporary move follows the sale of Oakham House as part of Towers Hospital site, and follows a public engagement exercise in May 2014. A permanent location is currently being explored in more detail by clinicians alongside service users, their families, and wider stakeholders.

Helen Thompson said: “We are proud that the CAMHS inpatient service is seen as such a valuable resource across the East Midlands, dealing with some of the most vulnerable young people with acute mental health needs. The temporary move to the newly refurbished ward 3 at Coalville Hospital gives us more time and a greater opportunity to think creatively about the type of space we require for a permanent facility. The young people friendly unit features three small dormitories with en-suites, lounge and dining spaces, activity areas, class and therapy rooms, and a great outdoor gym.”

The relocation programme, which ran from April 2014 – March 2015, cost approximately £2 million – bringing the ward specification to a high standard for current and future use. Young service users have been involved in the design of the new unit – designing a new service logo and planning to paint bright colourful murals around the unit.

For more information visit: http://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/oakhamfeedback.

PRESS INTERVIEW/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

If you would like to interview one of the senior clinical team and/or look around the new facilities on the open day, 20th March, please contact, Kamy Basra, Interim Head of
Notes to editor

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), Coalville Hospital, Ward 3, Broom Leys Road, Coalville, LE67 4DE, 01530 467400.

Location details: http://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/Library/Camshmapaddressandfloorplans.pdf

The open day is open to the community, mental health professionals and Leicestershire Partnership Trust's partners on 20 March.

Those confirmed to attend include, clinicians, health directors, police, wellbeing advisors and the wider community.

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The Trust serves a population of one million, has a budget in excess of £267 million and employs approximately 5,400 staff. For more information visit: www.leicspart.nhs.uk.

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