

Manchester Mental Health & Social Care Trust  
Chorlton House  
70 Manchester Road  
Chorlton-Cum-Hardy  
Manchester  
M21 9UN  
Tel: 0161 882 1000  
Email: [mentalhealth.laterlife@mhsc.nhs.uk](mailto:mentalhealth.laterlife@mhsc.nhs.uk)

9<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Dear Sir/ Madam

### Public Consultation – Later Life Mental Health Services

We are writing to let you know that we are planning to redesign our later life mental health services.

In summary, we want to provide mental health services that are fit for purpose, underpinned by evidence based practice and which take account of service users' and carers' views as well as making best use of our available resources.

Our plans will improve current services and deliver more equitable services across the City. The proposed redesign will increase the number of clinical staff working in these services as well as creating new dementia support advisor roles. There are no planned staff redundancies. In addition, we have received some funding from Manchester Clinical Commissioning Groups. To date we have funded 2 social worker posts for our Later Life inpatient wards who support people to be discharged from hospital from this funding.

We have produced a consultation document and response form (copies of which are attached) which gives information about our current services and explains the proposed changes. We are also asking for ideas about how we should spend the remaining balance of funding (Two hundred and twenty thousand pounds - £220,000) and for views about the name of our service.

Additional background information on our proposals can be found on the Trust website <http://www.mhsc.nhs.uk/media/109641/part%20i%20board%20papers%20august%202015.pdf> or on the Manchester City Council website [http://www.manchester.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/2425/health\\_scrutiny\\_committee](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/2425/health_scrutiny_committee)

Your views are important to us and there are lots of ways for you to tell us what you think of our plans including:

- ✓ By e-mail – [mentalhealth.laterlife@mhsc.nhs.uk](mailto:mentalhealth.laterlife@mhsc.nhs.uk)
- ✓ By post – Freepost MMHSCT
- ✓ By completing the response form in hardcopy format or on-line:  
<http://www.mhsc.nhs.uk/consultationresponseform.aspx>
- ✓ Come to one of your local meetings – contact us on 0161 882 2093 or 0161 882 2091
- ✓ Come to one of our drop-in sessions – details of which are given below.

Please decide which way suits you best and let us have your views **by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015**.

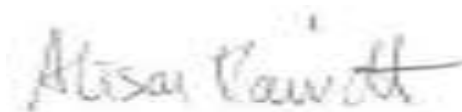
Please do share this letter with anyone else who may have an interest in our plans and may want to let us know their views.

We look forward to hearing your views.

Yours sincerely



Dr Sean Lennon  
Lead Consultant Psychiatrist  
for Later Life Services



Alison Marriott  
Acting Associate Director for Later Life Services/  
Clinical Director Psychological Services

### Details of our drop-in sessions

Venue	Date	Time	Address
<b>Central Manchester</b>			
Victoria Park Centre	29 <sup>th</sup> September	2.00 – 3.00pm	70 Daisy Bank Road, M14 5QN
Victoria Park Centre	13 <sup>th</sup> October	7.00 – 8.00pm	70 Daisy Bank Road, M14 5QN
<b>North Manchester</b>			
Irish World Heritage Centre	22 <sup>nd</sup> September	2.00 – 3.00pm	1 Irish Town Way, M8 0RY
Abraham Moss Community School	5 <sup>th</sup> October	7.00 – 8.00pm	Crescent Road, M8 5UF
<b>South Manchester</b>			
Benchill Community Centre	22 <sup>nd</sup> September	7.00 – 8.00pm	Benchill Road, M22 8EF
Benchill Community Centre	1 <sup>st</sup> October	2.00 – 3.00pm	Benchill Road, M22 8EF