

## **IJB23. Redesign of Residential Care – Torwoodhall**

The Integration Joint Board considered a report by the Head of Integration on the redesign of residential care – Torwoodhall.

The HSCP Strategic Plan and Delivery Plan recognised the need to review and redesign bed based care in communities, including in care homes. This would include a review of the type and number of bed based care required. Where care home beds were necessary, this would focus on improving outcomes for residents by improving the environment and subsequently improving care.

Torwoodhall was one of the oldest buildings in which residential care was provided. Due to the layout and style of the building it was more difficult to provide care that met current and future requirements for infection control. Work was ongoing to consider the bed based capacity requirements in the community hospital and care homes. This work was anticipated to conclude in September 2020 and would be reported to a future meeting. Having taken into account the immediate issues with Torwoodhall, the Board was asked to support a review of the care home that would consider the current resident's needs, and the provision of care in alternative settings.

There would be extensive engagement and consultation with all residents, their families and carers on the potential closure of Torwoodhall. The process would also be an opportunity to explore alternative care settings to meet individual needs that would improve the outcomes and provide a better environment for residents. The review would ensure that each resident was able to give fully informed views supported by independent advocacy where required. An Equality Poverty Impact Assessment would be completed as part of the review of Torwoodhall and the review of other care homes to ensure that the needs of all the current and future residents were taken into account during the development and change of the service.

### **Decision**

#### **The Integration Joint Board:-**

- (1) supported a review of Torwoodhall that will consider the current resident's needs, and the provision of care in alternative settings;**
- (2) noted that this work will include engagement with residents and families, supported by independent advocacy where required, and staff, and**
- (3) noted that a report would be brought back to the IJB in November.**