

REPORT TO:		Council	
DATE:		15 September 2016	
REPORT OF:		Councillor Eamonn Higgins, Chair of the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
REPORT AUTHOR:		Overview and Scrutiny Officer	
TITLE OF REPORT:		Calderstones NHS Trust – Response from NHS England	
EXEMPT REPORT (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A)	No	Not applicable	
KEY DECISION:	No	If yes, date of publication:	

1. **Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report informs Council of the response received from NHS England to the letter submitted by Council expressing concerns about the closure of inpatient facilities at Calderstones NHS Trust, as discussed at Council on 7th July.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Council notes the response received from NHS England, included as appendix 2.
- 2.2 That Council delegates responsibility to the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee to respond to the consultation on the development of a new model of care for people with a Learning Disability and or Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD), to be carried out jointly by all commissioners of these services in Lancashire and Greater Manchester and NHS England

3. **Reasons for Recommendations and Background**

- 3.1 At its meeting on 7th July 2016, Council received a report from the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee titled “Scrutiny Report – Calderstones NHS Trust and the Evergreen School”.
- 3.2 Issues surrounding the closure of inpatient facilities at Calderstones were discussed as were the following policies/papers from NHS England:

- Transforming Care
- Building the Right Support - A national plan to develop community services and close inpatient facilities for people with a learning disability and/or autism who display behaviour that challenges, including those with a mental health condition.
- Homes Not Hospitals

3.3 It was resolved:

That Council writes to the Chief Executive of NHS England regarding the closure of in-patient facilities at Calderstones NHS Trust outlining the following concerns:

- A lack of meaningful public consultation taking place to inform the decision to close the in-patient facilities at Calderstones
- The decision taken not to retain any in-patient facilities at Calderstones, and to re-site a Medium Secure Unit at Maghull and a Low Secure Unit at a yet unidentified site.
- The letter should also urge NHS England to reconsider using purpose built facilities at Calderstones for future medium and low secure in-patient facilities

3.4 Appendix 1 is a copy of the letter sent to NHS England.

3.5 Appendix 2 is a copy of the response received from NHS England. The response states that they would welcome the views of the Council once the consultation period opens.

4. Alternative Options considered and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Council could respond to the consultation via other means. However, it is recommended that the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee respond as they initially raised the issue with Council after conducting a scrutiny review on the topic.

5. Consultations

5.1 The Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee will consult with the Portfolio Holder for Health when determining its response to the consultation.

6. Implications

Financial implications (including any future financial commitments for the Council)	Not applicable – none arising directly from this report.
Legal and human rights	Not applicable

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Assessment of risk	Not applicable
Equality and diversity implications <i>A Customer First Analysis should be completed in relation to policy decisions and should be attached as an appendix to the report.</i>	Not applicable

**7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985:
List of Background Papers**

- 7.1 Agenda, reports and minutes of Council on 7th July 2016
<http://democracy.hyndburnbc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=130&MId=1060&Ver=4>
- 7.2 Agenda, reports and minutes of the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 28th June 2016
<http://democracy.hyndburnbc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=129&MId=1132&Ver=4>