

# Future of acute inpatient mental health services for people of working age

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Good morning,

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Earlier in the summer we wrote to you about a workshop we were planning for a group of staff, service users and stakeholders to deliberate options for the future shape of acute inpatient mental health services for adults of working age.

At the workshop, which took place last week, the reference group considered options against a set of seven criteria:

- Quality of care, including patient safety
- Impact on patient and carer experience
- Travel time for patients, carers and visitors
- Impact on equalities
- Deliverability
- Affordability and value for money, and
- Workforce sustainability.

Three options were deliberated:

- Do the minimum: stay as we are with some minor refurbishment of St Andrew's Ward in Wells to bring the ward up to standard for the longer term
- Transfer St Andrew's patients to Yeovil and create an additional ward alongside Rowan Ward
- Transfer Rowan Ward patients to the St Andrews site, and create an additional ward alongside St Andrews Ward

No changes are proposed to Rydon Wards 1 and 2 at Taunton.

Detailed evidence packs have been drawn together to inform deliberations on each of the three options; high level summaries are below:

### RYDON WARDS 1 & 2, TAUNTON

- Two 15 bedded wards—undifferentiated admission of at-risk patients 24hours per day providing core acute adult inpatient services





