

## The Big Picture and Context

- Lancashire wide public consultation in 2006. Recommended that there should be an alternative to hospital admission for people with mental illness and that the standard of existing facilities were no longer fit for purpose and needed to be replaced
- Existing wards are typically located on acute hospital sites and were not designed for delivering modern mental health care
- Major investment into community services has supported a reduction in the number of inpatient beds needed
- Working on commissioner demand assumption that in the future 262 beds are required for Lancashire. These will be provided from:
  - The Orchard, Lancaster (18 beds), opened June 2014
  - The Harbour, Blackpool (154 beds), will open March 2015
  - East Lancashire site (72 beds), will open 2016/17
  - Central Lancashire site (18 beds), will open 2017
- New facilities are purpose designed with the involvement of service users and carers:
  - Therapeutic environment/non-institutional design
  - Private bedroom facilities
  - Communal areas
  - Outdoor space

## Key Dates (subject to approvals)

- September 2014: Planning application submission
- Autumn 2014: Land purchase option negotiated
- Spring 2015: Start on site
- 2015-16: Gradual reduction of inpatient beds in Burnley wards
- 2016/17: Building works completed, unit becomes operational. Beds from Pendleview and the remaining Burnley beds transfer across to the new site

## Site Selection and Specification

- Previous engagement had identified Shuttleworth Mead in Padiham and Burnley Bridge in Hapton as preferred sites when the service demand was for 150 beds
- Technical Appraisal Process in 2011 proposed a revised bed base of 72 beds for Pennine Lancashire and the re-development of existing facilities at Royal Blackburn Hospital was proposed. This is no longer a viable option within the timescales.
- Land immediately adjacent to the Royal Blackburn Hospital site is available and can be progressed for development
- Fits the site selection criteria (VfM, potential for planning, near to the main hospital campus, access to local services and transport links.)
- Option to purchase negotiations with BwD Council on-going
- Site surveys on-going comprising abnormals, ecological, geotech and topographical
- The planning application is being made for 116 beds (strategic expansion space for the future)

## Engagement

- Engaging with yourselves and LCC OSC and will do this throughout the life of the build. Updates at key milestones.
- Meetings with MPs in East Lancashire
- Briefings for ward councillors
- Public meetings in the locality for local residents and businesses
- Expert user group will work with the architects on the design
- Involve stakeholders in naming the unit and suite names