

REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVE ON OUTSIDE BODY
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MERSEY-CARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Governors Meeting 6 September 2022

I attended a Council of Governors Meeting on 6 September 2022, which confirmed, subject to some checks, the appointment of Ms Rosie Cooper MP as Chairman Designate of Mersey-care NHS Trust from 31st October 2022. She succeeds Mrs Beatrice Fraenkel, whose period of office will end then. Ms Cooper is to resign as an MP by that date."

Mersey-care also provided the following update:

LSCFT has a strong interest in taking over ownership of the site once Mersey Care transfers the final learning disability service users to a new unit in Maghull in October 2023. In anticipation of these moves occurring, LSCFT have started to plan some preliminary work at Woodview, our former medium secure service building. As I have said many times, we want to see the site, which is a lovely asset, remain in NHS use into the future.

Current plans are that as the new low secure service comes online in the second half of next year, we will move to Maghull and the new LSU will fully open there in September 2023. Our Whalley services will come to an end at that time and this is when we anticipate the site transferring to Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS.

We're focused on supporting our staff, with incentives and opportunities to be part of the new service in Maghull and we are also connected with our families and carers to keep them briefed. Most importantly, service users are involved in the changes, discussing new ward names for Maghull and being prepared for how their care pathway will evolve: this must always be focussed on the very best for their recovery.

Governors Meeting 17 October 2022

This was a full agenda with the Care Quality Commission in attendance. Two material issues affecting this Borough were:

1. Response to Panorama Programme regarding Edenfield Centre in Greater Manchester Mental Health Services: Mersey-care provide similar services and outlined increased checks and monitoring to provide assurance to the Board.
2. Calderstones Retrenchment. At 30/9 there were 44 residents (39 Low Secure and 5 Individual Care Packages). Mersey-care are meeting Lancs and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust to ensure progress. I asked for and received assurance about patient transfer safety and caring for staff.