



## Discharge to Assess (D2A) newsletter – July 2019

### D2A to become business as usual

As a sign of success of the Discharge to Assess (D2A) programme, the approach is now set to become 'business as usual' within the wider health and care system. This will involve the winding up of the existing D2A Implementation Group and incorporating the associated governance into everyday health and care.

Anne Wilson, Chair of the D2A Implementation Group, said: *"We have now reached the stage where we do not need a specific 'programme' – we just need to make sure that this work is everybody's normal, routine business.*

*"We can't under-estimate the work that has been done through all involved in the D2A programme. We have created really useful networks, broken down barriers, and got health and care teams all communicating better, with an improved understanding of how various parts of the system work. Most importantly, we have managed to improve care for people across Derby and Derbyshire and support timely discharges from acute hospitals for people who require further assessment to establish their on-going health and social care needs*

*to the most appropriate setting. Ideally, this should be in the person's own home.*

*"My thanks to all involved in the D2A programme for their commitment, dedication and sheer professionalism. I'm convinced that the networks we have built up will ensure continued improved care for local people and the delivery of more efficient services."*

### Open day celebrations at Perth House

An open day has been held at Perth House in Derby to celebrate joint working between the various agencies involved in the 24-bed integrated health and social care assessment hub.

The day took place on Tuesday 16 July and saw hundreds of visitors keen to find out more about how Perth House operates and tour the various stalls and stands hosted by local services.

Sue Bliss, Home First Service Manager, said: *"We decided to have an information day to showcase the joint working between Home First, Derbyshire Community Health Services, the integrated hub and all our associate partners with the CCG. It has helped raise awareness of joint working between the NHS and social care."*



Perth House assessment hub provides a rapid response short term period of assessment for people resident in Derby City or registered with a Derby City GP who are unable immediately to return home from hospital – or to prevent an admission to hospital or a care home. Joint triage and decision making at the Integrated Discharge Hub (IDH) ensures that people are sent on the appropriate pathway with an expected date of discharge from the outset.

The assessment hub is led by Derby City Council's Home First team with Derbyshire Community Health Services, jointly operating Pathway 1 and 2 of the Derbyshire Discharge to Assess (D2A) model.

Rebecca Spray, Integrated Community Manager, said: *"The open day provided a really clear understanding of what it is we do at Perth House, as historically people have seen Perth as a residential home but it's so much more."*

Sue added: *"People have been able to see the occupational therapists at work, the physios at work and our telecare as well. They have seen demonstrations and learnt all about the various services that are available locally and that we can help signpost to. The feedback has been very positive and we would like to hold such an event again at some point."*

