

## **Report for Southwark Overview and Scrutiny 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**Re: MARINA HOUSE, 63-65 DENMARK HILL, LONDON SE5 8RS**

Marina House continues to host many of our Addictions specialist Clinical, Research and Management staff as discussed at OSC on 15<sup>TH</sup> July 2013.

Current plans for the building include:

- Older persons services

We plan to temporally relocate part of SLAM's Southwark Older People's Services into the building.

This service runs a specialist addictions clinic for older adults in Southwark with substance and alcohol issues, alongside ancillary offices for community based mental health teams. This is regarded as an interim accommodation arrangement for around 18 months until we can relocate the service with other teams in the borough.

This will consist of around 22 clinical staff and some researchers and expect to move in by end March 2014

- **Art Group service for Addictions patients.**

The project will lead Arts groups and provide a platform for community engagement and arts initiatives (whilst maintaining a therapeutic space for service users.) some of the work to date includes displaying service users work at;

- Camberwell Arts Festival since 2008
- Brixton village 2010
- Tate Modern world mental health event 2012 & Grand Bazaar 2013

The expansion of this project will add to the successful reputation for arts practice and service-user involvement inside and outside the service. It is an out of hours service.

- **An Alcohol Care Team (ACT).**

This service which will consist of approximately 5 staff who will provide in reach liaison to KCH and SLAM. We are awaiting the outcome of a bid (jointly with KCH) to acute commissioners to provide this. If it is funded the service will commence by October 14 . The service will operate 7 days a week.

Finally over the next year we will also be developing a service proposal that seeks to promote Marina House to be a greater and further asset to the local community by assisting and sustaining people in their recovery from problems associated with drug, nicotine and alcohol use across all ages.

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