

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULATION COMMITTEE MENTAL HEALTH GUARDIANSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee Mental Health Guardianship Sub-Committee held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, 18 January 2024.

PRESENT: Mr S C Manion (Chairman), Mr A Brady, Mr N J Collor, Mr A Kennedy, Mr J Meade, Mr A M Ridgers and Mr D Ross

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms A Agyepong (Assistant Director (Countywide) Adult Social Care and Health), Ms H Savage (Democratic Services Officer) and Dr C Brodie (Policy and Quality Assurance Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

1. Apologies and Substitutes (Item 1)

Apologies had been received from Mrs Cole and Mrs Parfitt-Reid.

2. Declarations of Interest by Members for items on the agenda (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2023 (Item 3)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2023 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

4. The Local Authority's Guardianship Register (Item 4)

(1) The Assistant Director (Countywide) Adult Social Care and Health introduced the report on the work of the Guardianship Quality and Scrutiny Panel during the period January 2023 to December 2023 and the current Guardianship register.

(2) The Policy & Quality Assurance Officer said there were currently two people subject to Guardianship in Kent and the Guardianship Quality and Scrutiny Panel reviewed every year whether Guardianship was still required as the least restrictive option or if the individual should be discharged.

(3) The Assistant Director (Countywide) Adult Social Care and Health assured Members that robust scrutiny processes continued through work carried out by the Guardianship Quality and Scrutiny Panel.

RESOLVED that the content of the report be noted together with the current Guardianship Register at Appendix A of the report.

5. Other items which the Chairman decides are Urgent
(Item 5)

There were no urgent items.