

Item 8: CAMHS Tier 4 provision at Cygnet Hospital, Godden Green

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 7 July 2022

Subject: Learning from the closure of Cygnet Hospital, Godden Green

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by NHS England/ NHS Improvement.

It provides background information which may prove useful to Members.

It is a written briefing only and no guests will be present to speak on this item.

1) Introduction

- a) At its meeting on 24 November 2020, HOSC was notified that Cygnet Hospital, Godden Green, near Sevenoaks had closed following a serious incident which was under investigation by the service commissioner, NHS England.
- b) It was agreed that a report on the closure be brought to HOSC once the investigation had concluded.

2) Background

- a) Specialist in-patient provision for CAMHS (Tier 4) is commissioned by NHS England. The Chair of HOSC was notified on 26 October 2020 that two CAMHS wards at Cygnet Hospital in Godden Green near Sevenoaks had been closed. A recent Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection had not provided assurance that the service met the standards expected or that the provider could implement and sustain the improvements required. Cygnet advised NHS England of its intention to close the two wards as a result of that inspection and the closure happened on Monday 26 October.
- b) The small number of patients cared for on the CAMHS wards were transferred or discharged. Additional services provided at the Hospital were unaffected.
- c) NHS England carried out an investigation into a serious incident that took place at Cygnet Hospital prior to its closure. The investigation has now concluded and HOSC has invited the commissioner to update the committee on its findings.

2. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the Committee consider and note the report.

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Background Documents

Kent County Council (2020) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (24/11/20)*',
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8498&Ver=4>

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