

Item 11: CAMHS Tier 4 provision at Cygnet Hospital, Godden Green

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 30 November 2022

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

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the response provided by NHS England (NHSE) Direct Specialised Commissioning and the Kent and Sussex CAMHS Provider Collaborative to questions raised at the last meeting.

It is a written response 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) In July 2022 a written report on the closure was presented to HOSC following conclusion of the investigation. Members had additional questions which were passed onto NHS England, and their response is attached to this covering report.
- c) The questions were:
 - i. What areas were covered by the 186 CAMHS tier 4 beds in the South East region?
 - ii. Did the 186 include the removal of the 20 beds taken out of service at St Mary Cray?
 - iii. What was the breakdown of tier 4 beds by county and how many were vacant?
 - iv. Why were the additional 6 beds at Kent and Medway Adolescent Hospital (KMAH) still not available?
 - v. Was it accurate that there was an eating disorders day clinic at Haywards Heath but it was almost impossible to get there by public transport?

2. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the Committee consider and note the response.

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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>

Kent County Council (2022) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (7/7/22)*',
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8969&Ver=4>

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