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Dear Kent Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) Members,

Thank you for your questions following the presentation of the Cygnet Godden Green Report presented to HOSC on 7th July. Apologies for the delay in response, we wanted to ensure a thorough and accurate response from NHS England (NHSE) Direct Specialised Commissioning and the Kent and Sussex CAMHS Provider Collaborative.

A. What areas were covered by the 186 CAMHS tier 4 beds in the South East region?

The South East Region covers Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Hampshire, IOW, Kent, Surrey, and Sussex. Young people can be placed in services located in the South East from anywhere nationally if the referral is accepted, although every attempt is made to keep young people close to home.

B. Did the 186 include the removal of the 20 beds taken out of service at St Mary Cray?

For the purpose of this response we are assuming this relates to the recent closure of Kent House. Kent House is part of the London Provider Collaborative and therefore would not be in any figures that we have given or hold. If there are any additional questions regarding this service, the South London Partnership will need to be contacted. The South East Region did not have any young people from Kent in Kent House at the time of closure.

C. What was the breakdown of tier 4 beds by county and how many were vacant?

The beds are not broken down by county rather by the Provider Collaborative that oversees that regional area including several providers and types of service. In the South East there are 4 CAMHS Provider Collaboratives: Thames Valley, Kent and Sussex, Surrey, Hampshire, and Dorset. Please note the Dorset segment of the Wessex and Dorset Provider Collaborative overlaps into the South West NHS England Region as does the Thames Valley Provider Collaborative overlap with Gloucestershire, Bristol North and North Somerset geographical footprint. NHSE retain Commissioning responsibility for CAMHS Medium Secure Services at Bluebird House in Hampshire.

D. Why were the additional 6 beds at Kent and Medway Adolescent Hospital (KMAH) still not available?

We anticipate the additional 6 beds being operational, date to be confirmed, following the completion of the build, date to be confirmed. Recruitment campaigns are underway, and adverts remain live for all new posts. In addition, the establishment of Band 6 Children's nurses are being increased in local acute

hospitals to support the further development of the General Adolescent Unit/Eating Disorder pathway. This is expected to have a positive effect on vacancies moving forward.

E. 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?

There is not an Eating Disorders day service at Haywards Heath. It is of note that an Eating Disorders day service is opening in Hove in Sussex.