

Item: Adult Autism and ADHD Pathway Development and Procurement

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 2 October 2024

Subject: Adult Autism and ADHD Pathway Development and Procurement

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by NHS Kent and Medway.

It provides background information which may prove useful to Members.

1. Introduction

1.1. The Learning Disability and Autism Programme Delivery Unit from NHS Kent and Medway (the ICB) contacted the clerk of HOSC in August 2024 to add this item to the agenda.

2. Potential Substantial variation of service

2.1. The Committee is asked to review whether this proposal constitutes a substantial variation of service. There are no formal criteria setting out what a substantial variation of service is, and it is down to the Committee to decide.

2.2. Where the Committee decides a proposal is substantial, the NHS is required to consult with it prior to a final decision being made. The NHS always remains the decision-maker though must take the comments of the Committee into account.

2.3. In considering substantial variations of service, the Committee will take into account the resource envelope within which the relevant NHS organisations operate and will therefore take into account the effect of the proposals on the sustainability of services, as well as on their quality and safety.

3. Recommendation

3.1. If the proposals relating to Adult Autism and ADHD Pathway Development and Procurement are deemed substantial:

RECOMMENDED that:

(a) the Committee deems that that the procurement of the adult autism and ADHD pathway in Kent and Medway is a substantial variation of service.

(b) NHS representatives be invited to attend this Committee and present an update at an appropriate time.

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3.2. If the proposals relating to Adult Autism and ADHD Pathway Development and Procurement are not deemed substantial:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Committee deems that the procurement of the adult autism and ADHD pathway in Kent and Medway is not a substantial variation of service.
- (b) NHS representatives be invited to attend this Committee and present an update at an appropriate time.

Background Documents

None

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