

Item 4: Mental Health Transformation Across Kent and Medway – Update Report

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Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided jointly by the NHS Kent and Medway (the Integrated Care Board (ICB)), Kent & Medway Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Provider Collaborative and the Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust (KMPT).

1) Background

- a) The NHS Kent and Medway (the Integrated Care Board (ICB)), Kent & Medway Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Provider Collaborative together with Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust (KMPT) have established a unified approach to addressing the mental health needs of the Kent and Medway population. This has been strengthened by a desire to reduce health inequalities, variation in access of services and improve patient experience and outcomes.
- b) This report provides an update on changes within the mental health landscape. It focuses on key programmes which are aimed at improving the provision of responsive and comprehensive mental health services for Kent and Medway residents.

2) Previous monitoring by HOSC

- a) The Committee received an overview of the transformation proposals at their meeting on 10 June 2021, with a general update received on 2 March 2022. It has received papers in relation to the following workstreams:
 - i. 4 March 2021 – Improving care for people living with dementia and complex needs
 - ii. 10 June 2021 and 16 September 2021 – Eradicating Dormitory Wards – the Committee decided the proposal was not a substantial variation of service.
 - iii. Various dates throughout 2023 - Places of Safety – the committee decided the changes were a substantial variation of service.

2) Substantial variation of service

- a) HOSC agreed at its meeting on 10 June 2021 to receive updates on the progress of the overall transformation, as well as accepting individual reports

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on each of the workstreams at the appropriate time. This allows the Committee to determine if each item is a substantial variation of service and proceed accordingly.

3) Recommendation

The Committee are invited to consider and note the report.

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2021) 'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (04/03/21)',
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8500&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2021) 'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (10/06/21)',
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8501&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2021) 'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (16/09/21)',
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8759&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2022)) 'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (02/03/22)',
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk:9071/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8762>

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