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Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Medway Council and Kent County Council

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Dear Wendy

Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny committee Meeting – 13 February 2013

Thank you for your letter of 9 January in respect of the above regarding the Adult Mental Health services review.

As you are aware the consultation process closed on 26 October 2012. We have received the report on the consultation responses from the Centre for Nursing and Healthcare Research at the University of Greenwich.

This has been considered along with the existing clinical evidence base previously shared with the JHOSC. We now have a final report with recommendations that show how we intend to respond to the points raised by respondents to the consultation and implement the actions we propose. Seven Clinical Commissioning Groups have considered the response from the consultation, the proposed actions to address points raised within consultation and the implementation plan, and offered their support, the eighth CCG is due to respond shortly. As an appendix to the report we have included the independent analysis of the public response to the consultation by Centre for Nursing and Healthcare Research at the University of Greenwich.

I note in your letter that you have also contacted Angela McNab with the same request. As you know we are working in partnership with Kent and Medway NHS Social Care Partnership Trust. Therefore the attached report and supplementary information is a joint response and is submitted today as requested in your letter to ensure JHOSC Members have the relevant documents in advance of their meeting on 13 February and they can be published on the kent.gov.uk website.

With regards to the specific issues you have raised in your letter I am advised that the JHOSC requested responses to a number of queries which were raised at its meeting on 3 July 2012 and then also subsequently requested further additional information.

I understand that the following issues were raised and the responses have either been shared with JHOSC Members via emails from Tristan Godfrey or have been included in the submissions accompanying this letter.

	Information requested at JHOSC meeting 3 July 2012 and subsequently	Information Supplied	Date of response	Date sent to Members
a.	Information about alternative Medway options and the letter about alternative sites in Medway and offering to consider them. Related to this point, alternative sites already investigated and rejected and the reason why	Background note on A Block and efforts to relocate. Plus a summary of alternative sites investigated and rejected	7.01.13	7.01.13
b.	Information on the numbers of Medway residents accessing acute mental health inpatient services outside of Medway in the last 4 years	Information on Medway out of area patients. Document titled 'Copy of Medwaysummary' together with an explanation of the figures supplied	10.08.12 10.08.12	Email from Tristan Godfrey 15.08.12
c.	Details of the levels of staffing at Medway A-Block over the last four years along with an analysis of the changes which could have affected demand.	Written explanation supplied	10.08.12	15.08.12
d.	CQC reports of all the sites involved in the plans.	Seven CQC reports sent	10.08.12	15.08.12
e.	Provide Members with the site requirements for an alternative to A-Block in Medway and formally write to Members promising to examine any alternative site brought to their attention.	Criteria for assessing suitability of premises for inpatient services sent. Reminder to Members that suggestions for alternative sites to A Block would be investigated.	10.08.12	15.08.12
f.	Arranging further trips	Offered to Members	10.08.12	15.08.12
g.	The 'Deal deal'	Information discussed directly with Councillor Kit Smith – possibly not shared with all JHOSC Members	25.07.12	
h.	Information on the number of Medway residents accessing acute mental health services outside of Medway in the last	Numbers of residents information provided Analysis is included in	10.08.12	15.08.12

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	four years and the associated costs in the last four years	background papers to the JHOSC report	04.02.13	04.02.13
i.	Details of the levels of staffing at Medway A-Block over the last four years along with an analysis of the changes, which could have affected demand	Staff impact assessment included in Appendix P with background papers to JHOSC report Staffing levels information provided	03.07.12 10.08.12	03.07.12 15.08.12
j.	Request from Councillor Godwin that 'Sutherland' Buildings be investigated as an alternative to A Block	Response sent that there is no Sutherland Building within Medway Foundation Trust however there is a Sunderland Day Care Unit which is not suitable for a mental health facility and does not meet the previously supplied criteria	06.12.12	
k.	Transport information	Detailed in the supplementary information	04.02.13	

In your letter you have asked about Dr Pete Sudbury's role at the meeting. Dr Sudbury is an expert with wide experience in service redesign and transformational change. He is a member of NCAT (National Clinical Advisory Team) which as you know provides assurance that proposals for change will result in a better service delivering better outcomes which are affordable and sustainable. Dr Sudbury will act as an independent expert for Members to refer to at the meeting about the Acute Mental Health services review. Dr Sudbury is very happy to speak with you about his role and answer any questions you may have about his impartiality. His contact details will be provided to Tristan Godfrey via email.

I hope this letter together with the report and supplementary information responds fully to the questions you and the JHOSC have raised. Please do get in touch if you feel you need any additional information.

Kind regards



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