

Item 11: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (Written Update)

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 6 June 2014

Subject: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (Written Update)

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Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by the Secretary of State for Health.

It is a written update only and no guests will be present to speak on this item.

It provides additional background information which may prove useful to Members.

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## 1. Introduction

- (a) The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee initially considered Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in Kent on 31 January 2014.
- (b) At the conclusion of this item, the Committee agreed the following recommendation:
  - *RESOLVED that this Committee write to the Secretary of State to ask him to assess the adequacy of the current CAMHS service in Kent and that the CCG be asked to identify an outstanding trust to assess improvements that can be made in the way in which the Sussex Partnership Trust is carrying out the Kent and Medway CAMHS contract and to report back to this Committee.*
- (c) The reply from the Secretary of State for Health is attached.
- (d) On 11 April 2014 the Committee considered updates provided by NHS West Kent CCG and Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. At the conclusion of this item, the Committee agreed the following recommendation:
  - *RESOLVED that:*
    - (a) *this Committee continues to be concerned for the CAMHS service in Kent and recommends that the commissioning of this service is investigated by KCC and West Kent CCG.*
    - (b) *West Kent CCG be asked to give due regard to the recent KCC Select Committee on Commissioning.*

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- (c) *West Kent CCG and Sussex Partnership colleagues be invited to the Committee meeting in 6 months' time and the CCG submit two monthly update reports to the HOSC.*

**2. Recommendation**

Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the report.

**Background Documents**

Agenda for the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 31 January 2014,  
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=27048>

Agenda for the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 7 April 2014  
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=5396&Ver=4>

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