Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided on the Emotional Wellbeing Strategy for Children, Young People and Young Adults and to determine whether the NHS commissioned aspect of the new service specification constitutes a substantial variation of service.

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

1. Introduction

(a) The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has considered reports on emotional wellbeing and mental health services for children and young people in Kent on 31 January 2014, 11 April 2014, 10 October 2014, 6 June 2014, 6 June 2015 and 4 September 2015.

(b) On 4 September 2015, the Committee agreed the following recommendation:

- RESOLVED that the report be noted and the new service specification be presented to the Committee on 9 October.

(c) NHS West Kent CCG have asked for the attached reports to be presented to the Committee:

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2. Potential Substantial Variation of Service

(a) It is for the Committee to determine if the NHS commissioned aspect of the new service specification constitutes a substantial variation of service.

(b) Where the HOSC deems the NHS commissioned aspect of the new service specification as not being substantial, this shall not prevent the HOSC from reviewing the proposed change at its discretion and making reports and recommendations to NHS West Kent CCG.
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(c) Where the HOSC determines the NHS commissioned aspect of the new service specification as substantial, a timetable for consideration of the change will need to be agreed between the HOSC and NHS West Kent CCG after the meeting. The timetable shall include the proposed date that NHS West Kent CCG intends to make a decision as to whether to proceed with the proposal and the date by which the HOSC will provide any comments on the proposal.

### 3. Recommendation

If the **NHS commissioned aspect of the new service specification** is **not substantial**:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Committee does not deem the new service specification in relation to the NHS commissioned aspect to be a substantial variation of service.
- (b) NHS West Kent CCG be invited to submit a report to the Committee in six months.

If the **NHS commissioned aspect of the new service specification** is **substantial** and the Committee **does not support** the procurement of the new service specification:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Committee deems the new service specification in relation to the NHS commissioned aspect to be a substantial variation of service;
- (b) the Committee does not support the procurement of the new service specification for the following reasons [to be inserted during the meeting];
- (c) NHS West Kent CCG be requested to respond to the Committee’s recommendation in writing and attend an extraordinary meeting of the Committee.

If the **NHS commissioned aspect of the new service specification** is **substantial** and the Committee **does support the procurement of the service specification**:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Committee deems the new service specification in relation to the NHS commissioned aspect to be a substantial variation of service;
- (b) the Committee supports the procurement of the new service specification;
- (c) NHS West Kent CCG be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee in three months.
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