

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULATION COMMITTEE MENTAL HEALTH GUARDIANSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee Mental Health Guardianship Sub-Committee held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Wednesday, 4 March 2020.

PRESENT: Mr A H T Bowles (Chairman), Mr M J Angell, Mr M A C Balfour, Mrs P M Beresford, Mrs P T Cole, Ms S Hamilton, Mrs L Hurst and Mr M J Northey

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Fenton (Assistant Director Mental Health) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

1. Minutes - 19 February 2019

(Item 3)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2019 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

2. The Local Authority's Guardianship Register

(Item 4)

(1) The Assistant Director Mental Health briefly introduced the report. She said that there had been one accepted Guardianship Order since January 2019 which had subsequently been discharged. There had been two renewals of Guardianship Orders, one of which was subsequently discharged during the year. This left one person currently subject to guardianship in Kent.

(2) The Assistant Director Mental Health then said that Kent County Council was required to provide the Department of Health with data on those subject to guardianship on a bi-annual basis. The last submission of data had been on 11 June 2018 for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2018. At that time, it was reported that two new Orders had been accepted during the period and that six Orders had been discharged. The next statistical submission to the Department of Health would be made in June 2020.

(3) The Assistant Director Mental Health said that the working party, made up of three officers from the Directorate of Adult Social Care and Health and the Quality Lead Officer for the Approved Mental Health Professional (AMHP) service had met on two occasions since January 2019.

(4) RESOLVED that the content of the report be noted for assurance together with the list of closed cases since January 2018, the current guardianship registers (set out in Appendix 1) and the activity in 2018 (set out in Appendix 2).