

Item 7: Transforming Mental Health and Dementia Services in Kent and Medway

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 2 March 2022

Subject: Transforming Mental Health and Dementia Services in Kent and Medway

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by Kent and Medway CCG (KMCCG).

1) Background

- a) The Kent and Medway CCG are undertaking several strands of work to transform the way local mental health and dementia services are provided. This will be supported by funding and investment of £51m over five years and is being coordinated by the Kent and Medway Mental Health Learning Disability and Autism Improvement Board – bringing together representatives from NHS, local authorities, social care, and the voluntary and community sector.
- b) The workstreams under development include:
 - i. Reducing the need for people to be inappropriately admitted to an acute ward (because of no suitable alternative) by improving community-based support.
 - ii. Improving psychiatric intensive care for women, by developing and providing this specialist service in Kent and Medway, where currently women needing this very high level of care may have to be treated out of the county.
 - iii. Developing specialist dementia services for people with complex needs.
 - iv. Eradicating outdated and unsafe dormitory wards.
 - v. Redesigning community mental health services.

2) Previous monitoring by HOSC

- a) The Committee has received papers in relation to the following proposals:
 - i. 4 March 2021 – Improving care for people living with dementia and complex needs – the Committee did not feel there was enough information available to determine if the proposals constituted a substantial variation of service.
 - ii. 10 June 2021 - Transforming Mental Health and Dementia Services in Kent and Medway – an overview paper. The Committee decided to make

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decisions on whether individual workstreams were a substantial variation of service on a case-by-case basis.

- iii. 10 June 2021 – Eradicating Dormitory Wards – the Committee decided the proposal was not a substantial variation of service.
 - iv. 16 September 2021- Eradicating Dormitory Wards – a written update was presented setting out progress made and expected timescales.
- b) The KMCCG has asked to attend today's meeting and provide an update on the overall mental health and dementia services transformation.

2) Substantial variation of service

- a) HOSC has agreed to receive updates on the progress of the overall transformation, as well as accepting individual reports 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.

4) Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the Committee 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>

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