

Item 10: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Tier 4 provision

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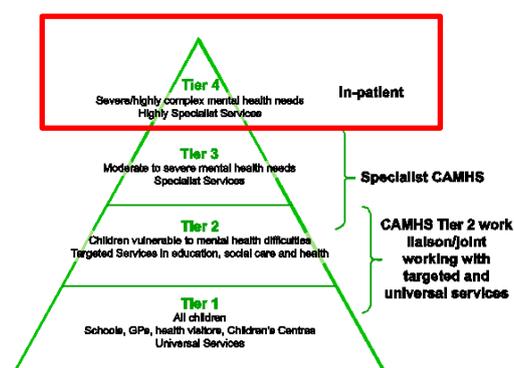
To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 29 February 2024

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Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by the Kent and Sussex CAMHS tier 4 Provider Collaborative and NELFT.

1) Introduction

a) Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) (also referred to locally as Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CYPMHS)) is an umbrella term covering a wide range of services commissioned by the NHS and local government. The diagram to the right helps explain the four-tiered provision of the overall service.¹



b) Tier 4 is commissioned by the Kent and Sussex Provider Collaborative, with the lead provider being Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SPFT). They have commissioned North East London NHS Foundation Trust (NELFT) to provide the service.

2) Monitoring by HOSC

- a) HOSC has scrutinised tier 4 children's mental health services for a number of years. A particular area of focus has been the provision of in-patient beds.
- b) The last update to HOSC was in March 2023. The Committee discussed the development of a Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) in Kent and Sussex which had not progressed due to a lack of capital funding. The Chair requested that the guests provide an update once the funding had been resolved. He understood that NHS England had funded the revenue but the Kent & Medway and Sussex Integrated Care System's had yet to approve the capital. He offered the Committee's help in managing that situation, if required.
- c) The Committee were also interested in the recruitment of a family ambassador role to support families/carers along with peer support workers.

¹ Parliament (2014) CAMHS as a whole system, <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmselect/cmhealth/342/34206.htm#note29>

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- d) The Committee resolved to note the report and asked that SPFT provide a further update once capital funding for the proposed Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) in Kent and Sussex had been resolved; and the posts of family ambassador and trust liaison nurse had been recruited to.
- e) The Committee have requested the Provider Collaborative and NELFT attend today's meeting to provide these updates.

3) Recommendation

- a) RECOMMENDED that the Committee consider and note the update.

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2020) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (24/11/20)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8498&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2022) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (7/7/22)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8969&Ver=4>

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Kent County Council (2023) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (31/01/23)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=9051&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2023) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (28/03/23)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=9052&Ver=4>

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