

Item 4: Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Service

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Subject: Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Service

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by West Kent CCG and NELFT.

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

1. Introduction

- a. In a generic sense 'children and young people's mental health services' is an umbrella term covering a wide range of services commissioned by the NHS and local Government.
- b. In the specific sense for this item, Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CYPMHS) is the name of a service commissioned by West Kent CCG on behalf of all CCGs in Kent and Medway. NELFT were commissioned to provide the CYPMH service in September 2017.
- c. The HOSC remit extends to the commissioning and provision of this NHS service only.

2. Previous visits to Kent's HOSC

- a. On 4 March 2016, HOSC deemed the new service specification for the NHS commissioned aspect of the Children and Young People's Mental Health Service to be a substantial variation of service.
- b. HOSC have raised a number of concerns about the CYPMHS. These concerns have centred around waiting times; service provision because of capacity issues; and communication during waiting times.
- c. West Kent CCG and NELFT were requested to provide a performance update to HOSC in September 2019. Unfortunately, it was not possible to secure the necessary personnel for that meeting and therefore NELFT provided an informal update to Members in September.
- d. In addition, members from HOSC and the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee will be attending a workshop on the 28 February 2020 to discuss the wider context of children and young people's mental health services – combining both KCC and NHS.
- e. The provider and commissioner have been requested to attend this formal HOSC meeting to provide an update.

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3. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the report on Children & Young People's Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health Service be noted and West Kent CCG and NELFT be invited to provide an update in six months.

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2016) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (04/03/16)*'

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=6257&Ver=4>

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