

Item 8: CAMHS Tier 4 provision at Cygnet Hospital, Godden Green

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 31 January 2023

Subject: CAMHS Tier 4 provision

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the response provided by NHS England (NHSE) Direct Specialised Commissioning and the Kent and Sussex CAMHS Provider Collaborative to questions raised at the last meeting.

It is a written response only and no guests will be present to speak on this item.

1) Introduction

- a) Since late 2020, HOSC has received updates about Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) tier 4 provision following the closure of Cygnet Hospital, near Sevenoaks following a serious incident. Specialised tier 4 provision is commissioned by NHS England.
- b) In July 2022 a written report on the closure was presented to HOSC following conclusion of the investigation. Members had questions around the delivery of tier 4 CAMHS provision, which NHS England responded to with a written update on 30 November 2022. Members sought further clarification, to which NHS England (NHSE) Direct Specialised Commissioning and the Kent and Sussex CAMHS Provider Collaborative have provided the attached written response. Unfortunately, no representatives were available to speak on the item.
- c) The questions were:
 - i. What areas were covered by the 186 CAMHS tier 4 beds in the South East region?
 - ii. Did the 186 include the removal of the 20 beds taken out of service at St Mary Cray?
 - iii. What was the breakdown of tier 4 beds by county and how many were vacant?
 - iv. Why were the additional 6 beds at Kent and Medway Adolescent Hospital (KMAH) still not available?
 - v. Was it accurate that there was an eating disorders day clinic at Haywards Heath but it was almost impossible to get there by public transport?

2. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the Committee consider and note the response and invite the NHS to attend with an update at an appropriate time.

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>

Kent County Council (2022) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (30/11/22)*',
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=9048&Ver=4>

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