

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Graham Gibbens, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO.

11/01746

If decision is likely to disclose exempt information please specify the relevant paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

Subject:

Implementation of a new service model and staff structure for Mental Health Community Support Services.

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, I APPROVE:

- (a) The implementation of a Mental Health Support Time Recovery service model and new staffing structure for the Mental Health Community Support Service.

In taking the decision I have taken into account the report presented and views expressed at the Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee on 14 September 2012. I note the endorsement of the Members of Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee of the implementation of this service model.

Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken

None

Reason(s) for decision, including alternatives considered and any additional information

Kent County Council's (KCC) strategy *Live it Well*, for improving mental health and wellbeing, supports the move to providing personalised services which giving individuals greater choice over their support. The move to a Support Time Recovery (STR) service model helps deliver this by:

- promoting independent living
- supporting social inclusion within a recovery model
- providing practical support with daily living
- facilitating people to live ordinary lives
- helping service users to gain access to resources in the community supporting service users to be in control of their treatment.

Informal consultation in 2011 and formal consultation in July/August 2012 confirmed overwhelming support to the move to this model of support. Additionally this will address inconsistencies across the county in both how the current Community Support Services work with individuals and on the currently available levels of staffing.

Following consultation, current service users of the Community Support Services will continue to

receive their existing support, with their needs being reviewed as part of the normal statutory duty to review. If, at review, individuals have continuing needs they will be able to access either the STR service, direct payments or ongoing community support from the Supporting Independence Services as appropriate.

Background Documents:

Report by the Corporate Director, Families and Social Care: Outcome of Formal Consultation to change the Service Model and Staff Structure of the Mental Health Community Support Services.(Decision No 11/01746).



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signed

11 OCTOBER 2012
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date

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Decision Referred to Cabinet Scrutiny			
YES		NO	

Cabinet Scrutiny Decision to Refer Back for Reconsideration			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration Record Sheet Issued			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration of Decision Published			