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REDESIGN OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACROSS CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ACTION TO MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSALS

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To agree arrangements for Overview and Scrutiny follow up of the implementation of the redesign of mental health services in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Commission agrees to:

- The setting up of a joint working group consisting of members of the Cambridgeshire County Council Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Scrutiny Commission for Health Issues, to monitor implementation of the redesign of mental health services, follow up issues of common concern, and report back to the respective Committees as appropriate
- The Commission nominate up to 5 members to the working group

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Mental Health Services in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee was set up in October 2011 by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council with the following remit:

- 3.2 “ to consider NHS Cambridgeshire, NHS Peterborough and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust’s proposals for the redesign of mental health services across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, in relation to:

- The extent to which they are in the interests of the health service in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
- The impact on the proposals on patient and carer experience and outcomes and on their health and well-being.
- The quality of the clinical evidence underlying the proposals
- The extent to which the proposals are financially sustainable

- 3.3 To make a response and recommendations to NHS Cambridgeshire, NHS Peterborough and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust and other appropriate agencies on the above.

- 3.4 To consider and comment on the extent to which NHS Cambridgeshire, NHS Peterborough and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust has fulfilled the requirements under Sec 242 of the NHS Act 2006 to involve users in the planning of the provision of the services, the development and consideration of proposals for changes to the way those services are provided, and decisions to be made affecting the operation of those services.

- 3.5 To consider and comment on the extent to which the views of patients and the public, and the views of the Committee, have been taken into account”
- 3.6 Peterborough’s Joint OSC members were:
Councillors B Rush; D Lamb, J Stokes, Harrington and Shabbir
- Substitute members were:
Councillors M Todd and K Sharp
- 3.7 The Joint OSC met three times during November and December 2011 to consider the proposals and agree its response; members also met with mental health staff who provided acute care in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It had a final meeting on 19 April 2012 to consider the outcome of the consultation.
- 3.8 Having completed its task as set out in the remit above, the joint OSC has now disbanded. The responsibility for scrutiny follow up of the implementation of the proposals and issues arising from the consultation now rests with the individual health Overview and Scrutiny committees of Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council.
- 3.9 At its final meeting, the Joint OSC agreed to recommend to Cambridgeshire County Councils Adults Wellbeing and Health OSC and Peterborough City Council Scrutiny Commission for Health Issues that a joint working group was established to follow up issues of common concern related to the implementation of the changes. It further recommended that there be a continuity of membership between the new group and the disbanding joint OSC.

4. NEXT STEPS

- 4.1 If the Commission agree to the setting up of a Joint Working Group to monitor the implementation of the changes to the Mental Health Services nominations of up to five Members will be required. Nominations received will then be passed on to the Governance Officer at Cambridgeshire County Council to co-ordinate the new Joint Working Group.

5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 5.1 Reports and minutes Mental Health Services in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee 19 April 2012

6. APPENDICES

- 6.1 None