

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY SERVICES – UPDATE

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Scrutiny Committee with an annual performance report from Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust (NTW) on Sunderland's Children and Young People's Community Services (CYPS).

2. BACKGROUND AND CURRENT POSITION

- 2.1 At its meeting on 13 September 2012 the Scrutiny Committee received a report detailing the outcomes of the announced inspection of Safeguarding and Looked After Children's Services in Sunderland. In discussing the report concerns were raised in relation to the waiting times for CAMHS Tier 2 and Tier 3 support and it was agreed that the Children's Services Scrutiny Panel should be commissioned to investigate this further.
- 2.2 The Children's Services Scrutiny Panel, as commissioned by the Scrutiny Committee, robustly monitored and challenged officers and partners around the waiting times for access to child and adolescent mental health services. This took place over a period of 15 months and demonstrated that a number of practices and measures had been put in place to not only tackle the waiting lists but also to ensure that targets are met and service performance is enhanced.
- 2.3 Members of the Children's Services Scrutiny Panel acknowledged the improvement and progress made by NTW and the commitment to continued improvement through the initiation of CQUIN target incentives. The CCG, NTW and Local Authority have worked together to ensure that the newly designed service, now the CYPS Service, was fit for purpose and robust enough to ensure a consistent level of performance.
- 2.4 It was agreed following this detailed investigation by the Children's Services Scrutiny Panel, that future monitoring of the CYPS service be on an annual basis by the Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.5 A presentation is attached at **Appendix 1** provided by NTW which provides a detailed overview of the CYPS service including functions of the service, performance data and improvement plans for Members information.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The information is presented to the Scrutiny Committee to provide an overview of the CYPS Service.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the progress of the CYPS Service.
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