

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & LEARNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

SPECIALIST COMMUNITY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE – PRESENTATION

REPORT OF THE NHS SOUTH OF TYNE AND WEAR

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1. Purpose of the Presentation

- 1.1 The presentation will provide Members with an overview of the development and reform of CAMH (Child and Adolescent Mental Health) Services in Sunderland, South Tyneside and Gateshead.

2. Background Information

- 2.1 NHS South of Tyne and Wear is looking at a new way of delivering a joined up Specialist Community Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Learning Disability Service (CAMH and LD Service) to ensure that the needs of the local population are met most effectively when the new service is commissioned in the autumn of 2011.
- 2.2 Key outcomes of the development and reform will include delivering nationally agreed child and adolescent mental health outcomes demonstrating improved outcomes for children, young people and families against the set of measures recommended by the Clinical Outcomes Research Consortia and its improved effectiveness through the collection and reporting of performance against quality indicators.
- 2.3 The aims and objectives of the new service will contribute to improved mental health outcomes for individuals and for the population as a whole. The service will provide effective, outcome focused services that put the needs of children, young people and their families and carers at the centre of their care and are delivered as part of an integrated model of multi-agency service provision.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 An extensive consultation programme took place between August and November 2010 to give children, young people, parents, carers, staff, local people, interested organisations and key partners their say on the way in which the new service will be delivered across their area. It was carried out by means of a formal consultation document, a children's and young people's survey, and a parents and carers survey. These were available online and were used in focus groups, public meetings and one-to-one interviews. Assistance with the consultation was provided by Investing in Children, NHS South of Tyne and Wear's Patient and Public Involvement Team, patient and

carer groups and CAMHS workers. In summary, the key themes arising from the consultation were as follows:

- Access and appointments;
- Out-of-Hours Support;
- Staff;
- Service Design;
- Promotion of the Service; and,
- Use of Language.

3.2 The findings from the consultation process have been used by NHS SoTW to inform the final service specification for a formal tender process to procure a new CAMH and LD Service.

4. Recommendations

4.1 That the committee notes and comments on the Specialist Community Children and Young People's Service presentation.

5. Background Papers

The re-provision of Specialist Community Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Learning Disability Service in Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland: Consultation Feedback 2011 (NHS South of Tyne and Wear).

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