

# HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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## ACUTE MENTAL HEALTH INPATIENT BED REVIEW UPDATE

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### Summary

The attached report sets out the response from Kent and Medway NHS Social Care Partnership Trust and NHS Medway CCG in respect of the request at the last meeting for regular updates on the position with the acute mental health inpatient beds review.

### 1. Budget and Policy Framework

1.1 Under Chapter 4 – Rules, paragraph 22.2 (c) terms of reference for Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee has powers to review and scrutinise matters relating to the health service in the area including NHS Scrutiny.

### 2. Background

2.1. It was agreed on 18 December 2013 that the position with regards to acute beds should be kept under permanent review with a report to each meeting of the Committee until further notice.

2.2. At the last ordinary meeting of the Committee the following was requested:

- (a) Further details would be provided to the Committee about details of those being sent out of area for reasons of needing specialist treatment (The Chief Clinical Officer, NHS Medway CCG acknowledged that more investigations were needed around out of area placements and the gleaning of qualitative data rather than quantitative data which had been collected so far)

- (b) In relation to the Appreciative Inquiry to be held in September it was requested by Members that hard data about outcomes for people with mental health problems being treated in the community and also support in the hospital should be made available. A suggestion was also put forward that attempts should be made to invite and include people that were hard to reach, the silent minority
  - (c) The Chief Executive, KMPT agreed to come back with details of staffing vacancies and a view as to whether enough staff were available/whether some positions were difficult to fill. She did make the point that the area was in competition with London, which made it more difficult to recruit
- 2.3. Attached, as appendix 1, to this report is a report from NHS Medway CCG as the commissioners of mental health, appendix 2 is the update on progress with the reconfiguration and appendix 3 is the table of data requested which has been compiled by Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust.

### **3. Risk management**

- 3.1. There are no specific risk implications for Medway Council arising directly from this report.

### **4. Legal and Financial Implications**

- 4.1. There are no legal or financial implications for the Council.

### **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1. Members are asked to consider and comment on the update.

### **Background papers:**

None.

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