

Health and Wellbeing Board  
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**Surrey's Joint Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health  
Commissioning Strategy for Children and Young  
people 2014 – 2017**

**Purpose of the report:**

To outline Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Collaborative and Surrey County Council's Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Commissioning Strategy. This commissioning strategy has been developed in response to the Health and Wellbeing Board priority - Improving children's health and wellbeing.

**Introduction:**

1. The attached Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Commissioning strategy (Annex 1) has been developed by NHS Guildford and Waverley Clinical Commissioning Group (the host commissioner for emotional wellbeing and mental health for the Surrey CCG Collaborative) and Surrey County Council.
2. The strategy outlines the shared vision, commissioning objectives and intentions across the CCGs and Surrey County Council over the next three years. This strategy is designed to ensure that all partners remain focused on commissioning services that deliver the best possible emotional wellbeing and mental health outcomes for children and young people.
3. This strategy supports the delivery of both the children and young people's strategy 2012 -2017 and the CCGs' commissioning intentions.

**Financial Implications:**

4. Surrey County Council and the CCG Collaborative invest £11 million per annum for the provision of mental health services for children and young people with mild to severe mental health needs. Approximately £9.4 million per annum of this investment is in contracts with NHS health

providers including the Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. In order to fulfil our commissioning objectives and address the gaps within our existing provision, all partners recognise the need to reshape our commissioning investment to ensure better value.

#### **Consultation:**

5. The strategy has been shared widely with a range of stakeholders including our incumbent providers. The strategy was open for consultation from 11 November 2013 to 9 December 2013 on Surrey Says. In addition two separate evening focus group sessions were held with the CAMHS Youth Advisors (CYA) members. A total of 57 responses to the strategy were received with the majority of respondents reporting agreement with the proposed direction of travel. The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Strategy Board and the Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Group have also helped to shape the strategy.

#### **Equality & Diversity:**

6. An Equality Impact Assessment (Annex 2) has been completed for the strategy. Further Equality Impact Assessments will be undertaken for all specific commissioning activities arising from the implementation of the strategy.

#### **Risk Management:**

7. With an ever changing policy environment there is a risk that any strategy could be overtaken by further changes. This strategy sets out broad principles that have been developed to stand the test of time. An emotional wellbeing and mental health commissioning action plan will be written to support the implementation of the strategy. The CAMHS Strategy Board will oversee the implementation of the strategy.

#### **Conclusions:**

8. The strategy provides our direction of travel for the commissioning of emotional wellbeing and mental health services for children and young people, over the coming three years. We recognise that improved early support and intervention within community services can reduce the dependency on more costly acute services.
9. The commissioning intentions are:
  - Recommissioning mental health community services, that build resilience and equip children and young people with the necessary skills to maintain positive mental health and emotional wellbeing;
  - Shaping our emotional wellbeing and mental health provider market;
  - Ensuring safeguarding requirements and clinical excellence are maintained and
  - Ensuring contract and procurement compliance in line with Council and NHS Clinical Commissioning Group requirements

**Recommendations:**

10. To endorse the Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Commissioning Strategy for children and young people in Surrey.

**Next steps:**

An emotional wellbeing and mental health commissioning action plan will be developed.

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**Sources/background papers:**

Updated 2014 version of the original 2009 Surrey Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Healthcare Needs Assessment  
<http://www.surrey-camhs.org.uk/en/content/cms/professionals/resources/>

Social and emotional wellbeing for children and young people  
<http://publications.nice.org.uk/social-and-emotional-wellbeing-for-children-and-young-people-lqb12>

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