

Adults and Health Select Committee

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Member Question

Question 1: Cllr Jonathan Essex

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The notice of termination of the Section 75 agreement with Surrey and Borders Partnership Trust (SABP) for delivery of ASC mental health services has been issued. The management of staff and services is being transferred to the Department over the next six months.

The current arrangements are not optimal given the new health and social care partnerships and difficulties fulfilling statutory responsibilities under the Care Act.

The changes are timely given the alignment between the Departmental improvement journey and the New National framework for Community Mental Health Care and Treatment Staff, residents and carer's will transfer to ASC after Care Act compliant assessment/review – aim to complete the transfer by end October 2019.

The Department is also strengthening its commissioning to support people more effectively in line with the wider Departmental plans for improvement currently underway.

This will ensure the delivery of Care Act compliant care and support for people with eligible needs and improve equity of access for people who do not require secondary mental health services.

The expectation is that the relationship with housing, third sector, primary and community health partners will strengthen and we can preserve those elements with SABP that work well.

This approach aligns with the Health and Wellbeing strategy and working and improving the ability to respond to physical and mental health needs (parity of esteem).

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2019/20 ASC Mental Health and Substance Misuse budgets

Type of expenditure	Gross expenditure £m	Income £m	Net expenditure £m
Care packages to meet people's assessed needs	9.1	-0.2	8.9
Wider contracts & grants	2.3	-2.3	0.0
ASC Mental Health staffing establishment	9.3	-0.7	8.6
Total Mental Health & Substance Misuse	20.7	-3.2	17.5

Work is underway to track any financial implications arising from the termination of the Section 75 agreement with SABP. There are no intentions to change the overall budget for mental health needs at this stage.

Finally, please can you confirm how Surrey compares to other comparable authorities across the country in its provision of mental health services.

Currently there is a need to improve the numbers of Care Act compliant assessments and reviews for people who use services and their carers , increase the number of safeguarding investigations, people supported to live independently and the number of people being supported to work. Currently MH performance is low relative to the Department and in relation to our comparator authorities hence the need for change to improve performance and effective use of public resources to better meet our statutory responsibilities

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