

REPORT TO: Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 11 November 2008

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Health & Community Directorate

SUBJECT: Formal Consultation on The Development of a Comprehensive Child and Adolescent Mental Health service At Fairhaven, Winwick Warrington

WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This is a formal consultation aimed at all stakeholders of the 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Trust including statutory and non-statutory partners.
- 1.2 This document also aims to provide key information for the local people in the community to know what is being proposed in their area.
- 1.3 To outline proposals by the 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Trust to develop an extended range of services for children and young people aged up to 18 years living in the boroughs of Halton, St Helens, Knowsley, Warrington and Wigan

2.0 RECOMMENDATION:

and (1) That Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board note comment on the proposals.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The proposals address key requirements for Child and Adolescent Mental Health services (CAMHS) set out in Standard 9 of the National Service Framework for Children, Families and Maternity Services 2004 and will enable the 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Trust to satisfy concerns expressed by commissioners, partner agencies and parents about the lack of local and readily accessible services.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The proposal will support the 2007 changes to the Mental Health Act whereby admissions of fewer than 18year olds will be further restricted.

The revised Act requires age appropriate accommodation to be provided as near to home as possible.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Not applicable

6.0 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 This proposal acknowledges feedback from service users of Warrington CAMHS. Young service users told the 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Trust that there should be 24 specialist supports for young people with mental health issues

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 Safeguarding Impact Assessment carried out, no issues raised.

7.2 Planning permission for change of access may not be obtained, limiting the way in which the service can be holistically delivered.
Control: Alternative premises to be sought for those workers who need access outside of previously sanctioned agreed hours.

7.3 Recruitment/ Retention of appropriate skilled workforce.

Control: Creative recruitment, introduction of Essentials for CAMHS Clinicians training course due to commence 2009. To offer rotational secondments from within existing workforce.

7.4 Risk of not securing financial investment

Control: To continue to seek funding and continue to deliver Tier 3 service whilst commissioning Tier 4 in-patient facilities. *If funding is not provided by PCT commissioners, then Children and Young People who require emergency acute psychiatric in-patient services will have to travel out of borough. It should be noted that experience shows that in crisis, these places are not always available and children either are admitted to a paediatric or adult ward.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment completed no issues of concern.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

9.1 There are no background documents under the meaning of the Act.