

## Mental health services for children and young people to change in Surrey

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From April 2016, mental health service provision for children and young people in Surrey is changing.

We have listened to service users, their families and professionals, to understand what has worked well, and what people feel needs to be improved.

Surrey Clinical Commissioning Groups and Surrey County Council are now investing an extra £2.3 million – a 30% increase - to ensure that these improvements are met, so they benefit the mental health and wellbeing of our children and young people. These were identified following a period of extensive public engagement undertaken jointly by the Clinical Commissioning Groups and Surrey County Council during July 2014 – October 2014.

NHS Guildford and Waverley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)<sup>1</sup> and Surrey County Council are now pleased to announce that the new Surrey Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) contracts will be awarded to Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SABPT) from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2016.

The decision to award the contracts, with a combined value of £12.9 million per annum, was made after an extensive evaluation process. All five bidding organisations had a requirement to demonstrate how the needs of children and young people could be met. SABPT will be required to deliver services that:

- **Are available between** 8am -8pm Monday to Friday and 9-12pm on Saturday
- **Reduce** waiting times for assessment and treatment
- **Ensure** children receive the right service at the right time
- **Work closely with** parents or carers so they are better informed of children's needs and progress
- **Offer support on the telephone or through face-to-face contact**
- **Are accessible from** schools, GP practices, youth clubs and voluntary, community and faith sector organisations

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<sup>1</sup> On behalf of the Surrey NHS CCG Collaborative

- **Provide a brand new Behavioural, Emotional and Neurodevelopmental (BEN) pathway** for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), high functioning Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other neurodevelopmental conditions for 6-18 year olds and support to parents.

Dr Charlotte Canniff, lead CAMHS clinician from NHS North West Surrey CCG said,

'We are delighted that mental health for young people in Surrey has been given the focus and attention it deserves. Following extensive stakeholder engagement with Primary Care, Surrey County Council, Public Health, parents, carers, voluntary, community and faith sectors and young people themselves, we developed a set of new enhanced service requirements to achieve a more accessible and responsive service for our children and young people. We look forward to working with SABPT to deliver the best possible life outcomes for our children and young people through the best possible Child and Adolescent Mental Health services.'

Linda Kemeny, Surrey County Council's Cabinet Member for Schools, Skills and Educational Achievement, said,

'Giving children and young people the support they need to reach their potential and lead fulfilling lives is at the core of what we do and this investment will help ensure problems are picked up early on so more serious difficulties are prevented later.'

'With demand rising for mental health services, we are working together as one team to give young people even better support and our work will also benefit all taxpayers in the county by helping to reduce their need for public services in the future.'

Danni Wilkinson, Children's Rights Apprentice at the CAMHS Rights and Participation Team ([www.healthysurrey.org.uk/your-health/mental-wellbeing/camhs/children-and-young-people/cya/rights-and-participation-team/](http://www.healthysurrey.org.uk/your-health/mental-wellbeing/camhs/children-and-young-people/cya/rights-and-participation-team/)), enthused,

'It has been an extremely positive and thrilling result! We are excited with the new developments taking place next year and cannot wait for the changes to start happening.'

Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust will be engaging with all relevant people and groups over the coming weeks and months. They will be available to respond to any queries or suggestions that people in Surrey may have and provide any further support or information that is required.

## **Notes for Editors**

The NHS Guildford and Waverley Clinical Commissioning Group (NHS Guildford and Waverley CCG) consists of 21 GP practices, known as 'Member Practices'. From 1 April, 2013, the NHS Guildford and Waverley CCG became the NHS organisation responsible for the commissioning of hospital and community health services, medicines management and enhanced primary care services for the residents of Guildford and Waverley. It serves a population of over 200,000 and has a total budget of £ 235 million for 2014/15.

The vision of the NHS Guildford and Waverley CCG is:

*'To ensure that innovative, quality driven, cost effective health and social care is in place. We will deliver services which reflect the needs of the local population and improve the health and wellbeing of people living in Guildford and Waverley.'*

The responsibilities of the NHS Guildford and Waverley CCG are to commission:

- Urgent and emergency care
- Elective hospitals treatment
- Community care health services
- Other community-based services
- Rehabilitation services
- Maternity and newborn services
- Children's healthcare services
- Services for people with learning disabilities
- Mental health services

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