

## **Report to the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

### **Central Place of Safety Proposal**

### **South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM)**

#### **1. Introduction:**

- 1.1 On the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016, the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee made specific recommendations to SLaM in relation to the place of safety which SLaM accepted, namely:

*“ 1. SLaM should develop a comprehensive engagement plan, which makes clear the full list of organisations who will be engaged, and the full list of questions on which they will be engaged. This should be accompanied by a clear timetable for engagement. The committee should be consulted on this approach and this should be circulated to the Committee for comment. (In the interests of time and efficiency, this should be done by e mail with a week for comments from Committee members)*

2. SLaM will undertake a comprehensive engagement exercise, which should cover the following issues:

- a) *A financial feasibility study of options for provision of places of safety across the four boroughs, with clear reasoning to support a single place of safety.*
- b) *Sufficient and suitable provision of services for children and young people.*
- c) *Logistics: covering all legal agreements that will need to exist between the four boroughs, including, but not limited to, transport, Approved Mental Health Professional (AMHP) service, provision for people who are homeless and/or have No Recourse to Public Funds' (NRPF) status.*
- d) *The design of the Place of Safety*

*The committee further recommended in light of the above, that local Healthwatches are engaged in regards to both the design of the place of safety (d) and the service user journey, and that third sector organisations that work with homeless people and people with NRPF are engaged in regards to (c) and (d), in particular: The Connection at St Martins, Passage Day Centre, west London Day Centre, London City Mission and Manna Centre. Also that the London Ambulance Service and the British Transport Police are engaged.*

*The committee has recommended a three month engagement period, but we welcome SLaM producing a comprehensive timeline setting out the timescales in which they believe the above can be achieved. We expect the results of the engagement programme to be presented back to the Committee ahead of any formal agreement to launch the single Place of Safety.”*

The purpose of this report is to present the outcome and results of this three month engagement plan.

2. In May 2016, SLaM produced a comprehensive engagement plan, including the full list of organisations we intended to engage with and the full list of questions on which we sought engagement. A clear timeline for the engagement plan was also included and circulated to the committee for comments by committee members. (Appendix 1) The plan was approved by the committee and work on the engagement plan commenced.
3. The financial feasibility study of options for provision of places of safety was completed and circulated to the joint commissioners, Directors of Adult Social Services (DASS), and members of the Joint HOSC. This ‘financial comparison’ paper is included in **Section 5** of this report.
4. The report on the comprehensive engagement undertaken in partnership with Healthwatch, including feedback from the Open Day event held on the 9<sup>th</sup> August at the Maudsley Hospital site, is included in **Section 2** of this report.
5. The report on the engagement with specific organisations is included in **Section 3** of this report.
6. The report on the work undertaken with each of the four boroughs of Lambeth, Lewisham, Croydon and Southwark to agree formal arrangements in relation to Approved Mental Health Professional (AMHP) services, transport, provision for people who are homeless

and/or have no recourse to public funds status is included in **Section 4** of this report.

The Trust believes that the three month period of engagement has been robust and comprehensive and that all the areas that the committee required further assurance on have now been addressed. The Trust asks the committee to approve and support the proposal to open the central place of safety on the Maudsley site in the near future.