

Item No. 4.	Classification: Open	Date: 27 January 2020	Meeting Name: Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Report title:		Establishment of a statutory joint health scrutiny committee to consider the proposal to Reconfigure of Lambeth Hospital Mental Health In-patient Services	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Southwark enters into a joint committee arrangement with Lambeth Council to consider the proposal from Lambeth Clinical Commissioning Group and their provider South London and Maudsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM), to reconfigure mental health inpatient services for Lambeth, by transferring in-patient services currently located in Lambeth Hospital to a new facility on the Maudsley Hospital site, Southwark.
2. That the terms of reference of the joint committee as set out in Appendix 1 be adopted.
3. That Overview & Scrutiny Committee agrees to appoint three Southwark members to the joint committee (two Labour and one Liberal Democrat member).
4. That the chair of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Commission reports back to Overview & Scrutiny on the work of the joint committee.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

5. The proposal is to relocate four acute adult mental health wards and one Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) based at Lambeth Hospital into new purpose built, better equipped facilities on the Maudsley Hospital site in Southwark (further detail is set out in the trigger template, Appendix 2).

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. Southwark's constitution empowers Overview & Scrutiny Committee to enter into a joint committee arrangement and provide for the council's scrutiny function to be carried out by that joint committee.
7. The Health and Social Care Commission briefly discussed the proposal to set up the Joint Committee at its meeting on 21 January and supports the establishment of the JHOSC.

8. The lead commissioners, Lambeth CCG, and their provider, SLaM, consider the proposals a substantial variation as it involves the move of inpatient services from Lambeth Hospital to Maudsley Hospital, across a borough boundary, and the proposals affect a significant proportion of people using Lambeth's inpatient services.
9. Where a proposal is viewed as a substantial variation by OSCs / NHS bodies / Commissioners, and the proposal impacts on more than one borough, then regulations stipulate that the relevant boroughs must consider forming a Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC).
10. The proposal only affects a small proportion of Southwark residents, but there may be issues with service users of no fixed abode being discharged within Southwark who would routinely have been discharged within Lambeth. One of the roles of the JHOSC would be to seek assurances that this issue is appropriately managed, similarly to partnership arrangements in place for the Single Place of Safety (135 suite).
11. The JHOSC will be empowered to scrutinise the commissioners of the SLaM proposal and to seek assurance that the proposals for alternative service delivery are supported and that partnership arrangements between health & social care and across the boroughs are adequate.

Community impact statement

12. The role of the joint committee is to examine the emerging proposals and scrutinise the consultation arrangements to ensure that all affected communities have the opportunity to participate.

Resource implications

13. Lambeth Council will act as the lead local authority with a sharing of the administration with Southwark scrutiny team, with both boroughs taking it in turn to host and minute meetings.

Consultation

14. This report is only concerned with establishing the constitutional and administrative arrangements for the joint committee. No consultation has taken place on these matters.

REASONS FOR URGENCY

15. Consultation on the proposal is due to start sometime in February. The JHOSC needs to be established as soon as possible to enable it to consider the consultation. If established, the first meeting of the JHOSC is likely to meet in early February.

REASONS FOR LATENESS

16. It was not possible to complete internal consultation with officers on the covering report and finalising of the terms of reference in time for the main agenda dispatch.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
None		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Terms of Reference
Appendix 2	Trigger Template

AUDIT TRAIL

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