

**Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Sub-Committee (London Borough of Lambeth)**  
**Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee (London Borough of Southwark)**

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**Proposed Re-Configuration of Lambeth Secondary Psychological Therapy Services**

All Wards

**Report authorised by:** Executive Director of Finance and Resources: Mike Suarez

**Executive summary**

South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM) have been working with local NHS commissioners on plans to improve specialist psychological therapies. This is part of a comprehensive reconfiguration of the psychological therapy provision across Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham. The matter has previously been considered by Lambeth's Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Sub Committee and by Southwark's Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Sub Committee. Both committees expressed concerns with aspects of the proposals including a need to expand public and service user engagement in the reconfiguration proposals. An update from SLaM including further information sought by the committee's is attached.

**Summary of Financial Implications**

None.

**Recommendations**

1. That the committee note the update on proposals for the reconfiguration of Lambeth Secondary Psychological Therapy Services including the further public and service user engagement undertaken.
2. The committee decide whether it wishes to make any further comments or recommendations on the proposals or whether the matter be subject to further scrutiny.

## Consultation

Name of consultee	Department or Organisation	Date sent	Date response received	Comments appear in report para:
Internal				
None				
External				
None				

## Report history

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## Background Documents

Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Sub Committee, London Borough of Lambeth – 20/3/12

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Sub Committee, London Borough of Southwark – 14/3/12; 10/4/12

# Proposed Re-Configuration of Lambeth Secondary Psychological Therapy Services

## 1. Context

- 1.1 South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM) and NHS Lambeth have been working on plans to improve specialist psychological therapies in Lambeth and Southwark. This is part of a comprehensive reconfiguration of the psychological therapy provision across Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham. The new service has been planned in the context of wider changes to mental health services which aim to improve outcomes, service quality and effectiveness, with increased productivity and reduced cost.
- 1.2 The case for change and the proposed new model of secondary psychological service provision were considered by Lambeth's Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Sub Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012 (and at an informal briefing held on 1<sup>st</sup> February) and by Southwark's Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Sub Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> March and 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012. A number of concerns were highlighted by the respective committees, including requests by both committee for an expansion of the public and user involvement undertaken thus far, and clarity sought on a range of issues.

## 2. Proposals and reasons

- 2.1 A further update report on the proposed re-organisation of Psychological Therapy Services is attached. Consultation is still ongoing at the stage of SLaM submitting its report and a verbal update will be given at the committee meeting. This will include feedback from a consultation event taking place on 16<sup>th</sup> May.
- 2.2 In reporting back on the status of the proposals SLaM has also been asked to specifically address issues raised by members at previous committee meetings:
  - Update on further consultation and engagement with service users, and with other stakeholders, and what changes have been made as a result of the consultations.
  - Clarity on the financial issues: what is the actual financial reduction/ redirection that is being sought. Information on the year on year financial spend and changes in financial allocations within the service.
  - Service changes: the risk that cuts to consultants of around 10% could have a significant effect on service level and result in a service reduction of up to 45 %. Under the reconfiguration what level of services will be available to clients compared to what is available now? Clarity is sought on what number of and changes in appointment/patient hours are anticipated under the specialist psychological provision taking into account the proposed financial reduction and the possible/actual impacts arising from honorariums no longer giving their time. Members raised concerns that the latter significant risk had not been considered sufficiently and would benefit from more extensive and thorough staff consolation. Conversely are there areas where a growth in client appointments/hours are envisaged.

- Adequacy of the Equality Impact Assessment: evidence from SLaM indicated sexual orientation and transgender information was not collected, as is required by law. Concerns were raised that the changes would adversely affect patients with complex psychological and social needs who do not fall into 'standard' diagnostic groups.
- What improved clinical outcomes are expected from the reconfiguration proposals, particularly for those with complex/severe mental health illness.
- Issues raised by clinical staff around inaccuracies in the consultation documentation - how have these been addressed, what are the perceived inaccuracies and have they been resolved.

2.3 The committee is asked to consider the status of the proposals for the reconfiguration of Lambeth Secondary Psychological Therapy Services and the update on consultation and decide whether this matter be subject to further scrutiny and/or propose make any recommendations the committee may wish to make.

### **3. Comments from Executive Director of Finance and Resources**

3.1 Not sought.

### **4. Comments from Director of Governance and Democracy**

4.1 Not sought.

### **5. Results of consultation**

5.1 Not applicable.

### **6. Organisational implications**

6.1 **Risk management:**  
Not applicable.

6.2 **Equalities impact assessment:**  
Not applicable.

6.3 **Community safety implications:**  
Not applicable.

#### **Environmental implications:**

Not applicable.

6.4 **Staffing and accommodation implications:**  
Not applicable.

6.5 **Any other implications:**  
Not applicable.

- 7. Timetable for implementation**  
Not applicable.

