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SLaM: Consultation on Changes to Psychological Therapy Services

Dear Zoe Reed

Thank you for attending the 16 May joint meeting of Lambeth and Southwark health overview and scrutiny committees. We are getting back to you with the committees' recommendations and requested timelines for a response.

The first two recommendations were that:

1. SLaM management and staff meet once more to resolve differences over the delivery of different modalities and invite representatives from these professional bodies to attend: British Psychoanalytic Council and UK Council for Psychotherapy.
2. SLaM is given time to adequately digest the concerns raised during the consultation event held earlier that day, via the written submissions and at the scrutiny meeting and that these concerns be reflected in the final consultation proposals.

The committee would appreciate a response on the above by **6 July**. On the first recommendation, we would like to know if the meeting did take place and any outcome. For the second recommendation, it would be useful to understand how you have captured the consultation feedback and how this influenced the final model.

There were five more recommendations and requests for information, outlined below. We would like feedback on these by **3 September**, ready for our autumn cycle of meetings.

1. That SLaM set out and agree an action strategy for ongoing consultation and evaluation of the Psychological Therapy Service with LINKs, Southwark and Lambeth Clinical Commissioning Committee, and any other relevant service user bodies and stakeholders. The evaluation framework should ensure that SLaM has a clear idea of what constitutes success and how staff and services users will feed into the evaluation, particularly service users with complex needs.

The evaluation should ensure that data is captured on:

- Clinical outcomes
- Waiting times
- Activity levels
- Patient-Reported Outcome Measure (PROMs)

2. SLaM Psychological Therapy Service and Lambeth and Southwark council services, such as housing and social care, build effective links.
3. Service users awaiting treatment be given clear information at entry stage on waiting times, support services and what type of service they will be receiving. Issues of access by BME individuals, and particularly late access, are followed up, potentially as part of the monitoring framework.
4. Note that concerns remain about Honorariums, and the following information is requested:
 - The number of individual honorariums, their clinical specialisms, the amount of patients seen and the level of therapeutic hours delivered over the last two years.
 - The anticipated reduction as a result of this reorganisation on the modalities delivered, numbers of Honorariums, patients seen and therapeutic hours delivered.
 - The level of qualifications of Honorarium supervisors in the new proposed structure and clarify with the UK Council of Psychotherapy on the level of accreditation required.
5. Concern was raised about unequal provision between Southwark and Lambeth; details are requested on the availability of different modalities in the different boroughs and how a high level of can be guaranteed in both boroughs.

Southwark Council have established a new scrutiny sub committee: Health, Adult Social Care, and Communities & Citizenship Scrutiny Sub-Committee. The membership remains largely the same. This will meet for the first time on 9 July and for the second time on 18 September. Lambeth Council's Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Sub Committee next meets on 11 July and then 23 October.

If you would like further clarification, or to discuss the contents of this letter, please get in touch with Julie Timbrell, Southwark scrutiny project manager or Elaine Carter, Lambeth lead scrutiny officer, in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



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