



Lambeth Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group

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Dear Councillors Williams and Davie,

Psychological Therapy Service

Thank you for your letter of 8th August following the joint meeting of Lambeth and Southwark Health overview and scrutiny committees on changes to the Psychological Therapy Service.

Lambeth and Southwark are currently satisfied with the proposed structures and clinical outcomes designed by SLAM. However as Commissioners we intend to continually review services commissioned to ensure that our commissioning plans are evidence based and able to appropriately respond to our local resident's needs. Lambeth and Southwark are also satisfied that the new structure will improve equity of access for all people to all treatments and interventions available.

The remodelled service will enable Commissioners to systematically review the service through the timely collection of data; this will include information on waiting times, choice of treatment, outcomes delivered, patient experience of those services, impact on the different populations' needs of both boroughs.



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Commissioners have agreed with SLAM that an on-going service evaluation using a continuous service improvement approach will inform commissioners as part of the commissioning cycle. Contracted activity will be monitored monthly by Commissioners with a more in-depth presentation by SLAM to Commissioners on a quarterly basis. The Mental Health Programme Management Group in Southwark and the Mental Health Improvement Programme in Lambeth, will receive reports on the activity, quality and access to the service providing a health overview that will help inform our future commissioning plans and contribute to the continual service improvement process adopted by SLAM.

We have been formally assured by SLAM that the capacity for psychodynamic psychotherapy in the redesigned service will continue to be provided at the same level. We will continually review this element of therapy choice and reflect this in our future commissioning plans.

Southwark CCG will be represented at the next Southwark Health, Adult Social care, Communities and Citizenship Scrutiny Sub Committee

Yours sincerely

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