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Julie Timbrell
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Dear Julie

Re: Home Treatment Team and update for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

You requested more information on :

The length of treatment times that service users receive

On average currently it is 22 days

The longest a patient under the home treatment service has been 12 weeks and the shortest has been only a day where someone mental health deteriorated and required an admission to hospital.

The outcome of the review into the times of service operation

This was reviewed in our last reference group and has been discussed with the team on a number of occasions. Generally work from 9am to 9pm has meant us offer a comprehensive to our service users. Staff on occasion have worker later and longer. At week-ends the working 10am to 6pm seems to have provided sufficient cover. We have had no negative feedback from service users , carers or partnership agencies regarding our operating times. This will be further reviewed when the pilot comes to an end in September.

A statistical breakdown into the extent of drug prescribing for service users

Only one patient has had no prescribed medication while under Home Treatment service. Most patients taken on by the service would be on

medication for both physical and mental health issues before they are referred to the service.

The service is continuing to expand into Lewisham and currently we are recruiting staff for new posts. There will be a formal evaluation in September 2013 which I will ensure you get a copy.

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If there are any queries or need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me .

Yours sincerely

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