

Subject: **Mental Health: plans to re-commission
'access' services**

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Report of: **The Strategic Director, Resources**

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 City commissioners are currently considering how best to re-commission significant elements of local mental health services, specifically 'access' services for people using mental health services for the first time and/or people with mild to moderate mental health problems.
- 1.2 Additional information, in the form of a report which went to the recent NHS Brighton & Hove Board meeting is included as **Appendix 1** to this report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That members:
- (1) Note the contents of this report and its appendices

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 'Access' mental health services typically provide diagnosis, support and treatment for people coming into the mental health system and longer term support for people with mild to moderate mental health problems.

- 3.2 Currently, the bulk of access services in Brighton & Hove are provided by the Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. However, city commissioners for mental health have recently announced their intention of significantly changing the way in which these services are commissioned - providing more specialist mental health support in GP surgeries, focusing more on community care and moving away from a 'medicalised' model of care. There will be a tender process to identify providers for these newly designed services.
- 3.3 Detailed information on these plans is included in **Appendix 1** to this report (in the form of a recent report to the Board of NHS Brighton & Hove).

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 None has been undertaken in compiling this report

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 None to this report for information

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 None to this report for information

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 None to this report for information

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 None to this report for information

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 None to this report for information

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 None to this report for information

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 None to this report for information

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Information provided by NHS Brighton & Hove

Documents in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Documents:

None

