

Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

BRIEFING NOTE – No. 4/21

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Briefing paper to: All Members of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Purpose: At the January 2021 meeting of the Committee, Members requested a briefing paper on the outcomes of the consideration by the Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group of the procurement options with regard to proposals for an enhanced Kent and Medway adult neurodevelopmental health pathway for adults with autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

Kent and Medway CCG's Finance and Performance Committee met in February 2021 and was presented with an update paper on a Provider Collaborative delivery model for the Adult Neurodevelopmental pathway and most appropriate contractual methods for procurement. The paper explained that due diligence was underway to ensure that the model being proposed could deliver the agreed service outcomes within the agreed financial envelope. This is a detailed process which must also have due regard for the procurement legal framework.

The Finance and Performance Committee agreed that a final options paper be presented to the Committee in April 2021.

Work to be continued:

- Commissioners to work with the Provider Collaborative to provide a detailed plan on how the collaborative delivery model will meet population needs for pre diagnostic, diagnostic and post diagnostic support as well as covering arrangements around transitions, complex care and integrated working with partner services such as mental health and adult social care.
- Commissioners recommend the most appropriate contractual method for achieving the desired outcomes.
- The proposed delivery model will be subject to due diligence, and an assessment of market challenge and risk.
- This would be undertaken in the context of understanding the risks of legal challenge within the current policy and legal framework with advice given by the CCG procurement advisors NHS Arden GEM.
- Commissioners are to continue in streamlining the current diagnostic referral pathway arrangements across Kent & Medway to ensure timely access to locally based diagnostic providers and address (transfer) the

waiting list backlog held outside of Kent & Medway with South London & Maudsley Trust.

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