



Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Adult Services

Agenda Item: 4

Title: Response to Public Consultation document on Developing
Mental Health Services in Buckinghamshire

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Electoral Divisions Affected: All

Portfolio Areas Affected: Adult Social Care

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides a draft response to the consultation document for further consideration.
- 1.2 The response takes into consideration matters brought to the attention of the Head of Adult Disability services and Mental Health by the Overview and Scrutiny committee at its meeting on 14th September and in subsequent correspondence and conversations with a wide variety of interested parties.
- 1.3 The proposed response will be considered by Cabinet on 14th November.

2. Recommendation : To consider the proposed response and decide how to communicate the views of the committee to Cabinet.

3. Narrative setting out the reasons for the report

3.1 Buckinghamshire Mental Health Trust and the Three Buckinghamshire Primary Care Trusts are seeking views about changes in specialist mental health services in Buckinghamshire which involve:

- Changing the management of specialist mental health services for the South Bucks District (from Berkshire Healthcare NHS Trust to the Buckinghamshire Trust)
- Developing new community and inpatient services for adults of working age and older adults
- Developing and changing services for people who have long-term mental health needs

- (proposals for new specialist mental health provision for adults with a learning disability will be the subject of consultation at a later date.)

3.2 The O&SC for Public Health will submit their own response to the consultation.

Background Papers

“Putting People First – Developing Mental health services in Buckinghamshire” Public consultation document September – November 2005.