

**THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA**

**HOUSING, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL  
CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

**REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR HOUSING, HEALTH  
AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE**

**OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF MENTAL HEALTH DAY AND  
OUTREACH SERVICES**

This report relates to the Key Decision Report 03442 to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Environmental Health dated 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010, which seeks a decision in relation to the future of day and outreach services for people with mental health problems, and the level of future investment.

The report recommends a procurement process that brings together directly provided day services and externally contracted floating support and delivers a more personalised service, and presents the benefits and impacts of different.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. The Committee is requested to discuss the attached report and to advise of any issues or concerns.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. The procurement exercise described in this report is a continuation of a change process for mental health day care begun in 2008, and covered in an earlier Key Decision Report Key (KD03038), which was discussed at committee in January and March 2009 and agreed on 14th April 2009. Update reports were also provided to committee in January and June 2010.
- 2.2. The original report focused on a reorganisation of directly provided mental health day services, with the closure of Pembroke Centre and the creation of an Outreach and Bridge-Building Service (ORBBS), and a stronger focus across all day services on supporting users to maximise their life opportunities and personal aspirations, rather than just helping them to manage their mental health problems.

- 2.3. The current report describes the next stage in this process, which proposes a procurement aimed at bringing together current in house-day care with externally provided floating (home) support services and reducing what is currently six separate services into a single new contract.
- 2.4. This new service is intended to offer a new, integrated model of day and outreach support, offering a range of flexible inputs and activities with the overall aims of promoting recovery, independence and social inclusion, as well as delivering personalisation for people with mental health problems.
- 2.5. In the current economic climate, the report also considers the impact of different levels of investment in these services with their respective benefits, challenges and risks.

### **3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1. The attached report contains the following options for consideration by the Cabinet Member:
  - To maintain day and outreach services as they are, offering a small efficiency saving (5.7% of current spend)
  - To proceed with a procurement with a saving of 19.1% of current spend
  - To proceed with a procurement with a saving of 29.1% of current spend
  - To close all services covered by the proposed procurement

### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1. I recommend that the attached report is considered by the Committee so that views can be taken into account by the Cabinet Member.

**FOR DISCUSSION**

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**Background papers: Key Decision Report 03442/10/A/A.**

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