

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 14 MAY 2015**

**REPORT OF THE LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND  
CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUPS**

**MENTAL HEALTH INVESTMENT 2015/16**

**Purpose of report**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an interim briefing report regarding how the additional funding for Mental Health announced in the Budget for 2015/16 will be allocated in Leicestershire.

**Policy Framework and Previous Decisions**

2. In November 2014 the DoH published "NHS England investment in mental health 2015/16" <http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/payment-systs-mh-note.pdf> which stated:

*"NHS England is committed to treating mental health and physical health as equally important: our objective is to ensure that mental and physical health have parity of esteem within the NHS. We have already taken steps to achieve this through the Parity of Esteem programme board, including by delivering the first ever development programme for CCGs on mental health commissioning.*

*One of the ways in which mental health services have not historically had parity of esteem is in waiting times: in physical health, the NHS Constitution guarantees patients' right not to wait more than 18 weeks for consultant-led treatment, but mental health treatment is excluded. For the first time, NHS England will introduce waiting time standards for mental health, supported by £80 million of investment in 2015/16."*

**Background**

3. As a result of the national announcement regarding mental health investment, during 2015/16, in addition to other commissioner investment, NHS England will specifically invest:
  - £40 million through the tariff in delivering its commitment that by April 2016, more than 50% of people experiencing first episode psychosis will receive a NICE-concordant package of care within 2 weeks of referral;
  - £30 million in developing liaison psychiatry services to support our long-term aim that all acute hospitals should have a liaison psychiatry service which is appropriate to the size and scale of the hospital;

- £10 million on Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) to ensure that 75% of those referred to an IAPT service will be treated within 6 weeks of referral and 95% within 18 weeks.
4. The key pressure felt in Mental Health Services during both 2013/14 and 2014/15 have related to Acute Inpatient services. Both years have included significant expenditure on Out of County (OOC) placements.
  5. During 2014/15 investment was put into improving community based services to both avoid admission to inpatient services and aid earlier discharges to community based settings. This investment is being further enhanced in 2015/16.
  6. Including the additional investments listed below the total expenditure on Mental Health Services in 2015/16 in Leicestershire is estimated to be –

CCG	Expenditure £000's
East Leicestershire and Rutland	26,768
West Leicestershire	34,644
Total	61,412

### Proposals/Options

7. In Leicestershire, this funding will be distributed as follows:-

MH Growth included in 2015/16 Contracts	East £000s	West £000s	Total £000s	Comment
<b>Elements related to NHS England Investments</b>				
People experiencing first episode psychosis (PIER) £40m from tariff deflator adjustment)	90	106	196	Priority from NHS England
Emergency Department Triage Nurses (Liaison Psychiatry £30m)	114	147	261	Priority from NHS England Awaiting NHS England information
IAPT	0	90	90	
<b>Acute Mental Health Pathway</b>				
Crisis house	382	647	1029	New care pathway
Step down facilities & enhanced Community Services	209	354	563	New care pathway
Out of county Acute Inpatient	126	214	340	New care pathway
<b>Other investments</b>				
Eating Disorders	16	17	33	Awaiting NHS England information
Additional investment in Rehab Services	551	165	716	Patient repatriation
Continuing Healthcare MH	586	746	1332	Particularly Older People
<b>Total growth committed</b>	<b>2074</b>	<b>2486</b>	<b>4560</b>	

8. Increased investment has also been made in Learning Disability Services. In addition to additional funding being invested in Continuing Healthcare for patients with a Learning Disability (£208k) the two Leicestershire and Rutland CCG's have significantly increased their investment in the Learning Disability pool which is hosted by Leicestershire County Council.
9. This additional investment in the pool totals £1.25m for 2015/16 which will be spent on additional community based services for people with a learning disability and for care home/ nursing home placements as appropriate for the individual patient.

### **Recommendation**

10. The Board is recommended to note the contents of this interim briefing report
11. The Board is recommended to request further reports (proposed at intervals of 6 months) to provide assurance on the implementation and impact of the changes, demonstrating how the investment has improved parity of esteem, and that commissioners seek support from Healthwatch Leicestershire in assessing the impact from the public's perspective.

### **Partnership Working and associated issues**

12. All planned service changes are being developed in conjunction with key partners including Leicestershire Partnership, Leicestershire County Councils, Rutland County Council and Voluntary Sector organisations.

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