

OSC ACTION 142.1a

Engagement document: Haringey Child and adolescent mental health tier 4 budget document

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Issue

NHS Haringey wishes to engage with relevant stakeholders over the proposed transfer for its CAMHS tier 4 budget of £2.96m from the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust (BEHMHT) to NHS Haringey.

The CAMHS tier 4 budget is currently projected to under spend by £400,000, and this money could be saved for this year, and the 2011/12 budget reduced by a similar amount.

Background – CAMHS tier 4 services.

Tier 4 CAMHS refers to the highly specialised provision that may be required for children and young people who suffer from severe mental health disorders.

The different range and prevalence of serious disorders in childhood compared with adolescence means that services for these two broad age groups have to cater for a different range of needs, which need to be reflected in the specific skills of the staff working with them.

Until recently, Tier 4 specialist CAMHS was synonymous with psychiatric inpatient provision, sometimes with day hospitals attached. Tier 4 has more recently come to be understood as multi-faceted with multi-agency services that can include inreach, outreach, intensive and crisis community initiatives, day provision, therapeutic fostering and other services that may be described as 'wrap around', leading to the development of new intensive community focussed services.

Proposals

Given the projected under spend for 2010/11 on Tier 4 services, NHS Haringey is proposing to bring the management of these services back in house, so it will be able to benefit from the accumulated under spend. Normally this is split between 25/75 with BEHMHT, with the PCT retaining the 75 percent share. There has been a similar £500,000 under spend on the budget for the previous two years.

Under the proposed new arrangements, the CAMHS tier 4 budget will be managed by the PCT and reduced by £400,000 in line with previous years actual expenditure. The remaining budget of £2.56m would continue to be

used to commission tier 4 services for individual children, based on clinical need. BEHMHT would continue to provide clinical advice, support and process oversight support, to ensure robust referral, admission and discharge.

The NHS Haringey commissioners who will take over the management of this budget are qualified to do so.

There will be no impact on services as a result of these proposals, as there will be no service reduction. However, it may be necessary to raise the eligibility criteria to ensure the current level of use is maintained.

Questions for stakeholders

Do you have any comments on the proposal to move the management of the Tier 4 budget from BEHMHT to NHS Haringey?

Are there any particular CAMHS Tier 4 services that should be prioritised under the new arrangements?

Comments should be sent to the Communications Team at NHS Haringey by **12th January 2011.**

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