

# Health Scrutiny Committee

25<sup>th</sup> February 2021



**Report of:** Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (BNSSG CCG)

**Title:** Update on Specialist Children's Mental Health inpatient beds in Bristol

**Ward:** N/A

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## **Recommendation;**

For the Committee to note the report.

## **The significant issues in the report are:**

- An update on the provision of Specialist Children's Mental Health inpatient beds in Bristol
- Additional services in place to support young people



## 1. Summary

The Health Scrutiny Committee have requested an update on the provision of Specialist Children's Mental Health inpatient beds for Bristol patients.

The update below seeks to outline the developments in relation to Riverside Unit and the impact on placements for children and young people during this time.

## 2. Context

The Specialist Children's Mental Health inpatient beds are commissioned as specialised services by NHS England in the South West.

In November 2020, BNSSG CCG provided a detailed update on these services, commissioned by NHS England, highlighting that the Banksy Ward, provided by the Priory Group, remains closed due to serious safeguarding concerns. There is no further update since this was provided.

The other Specialist Children's Mental Health inpatient beds (Riverside Unit), provided by AWP, are currently undergoing refurbishments and these are expected to conclude at the end of March 2021. The Provider has confirmed that this remains on plan to complete by this date. The refurbishment will mean beds will increase from 10 to 12 at this unit.

As a result of the temporary closure of the Riverside Unit, AWP have been providing additional services which includes:

- An extended crisis intervention, outreach and day programme.
- The enhanced day programme provides wraparound care tailored to each individual, operating from 7.30am to 10pm, seven days a week.

All young people will attend the Enhanced Day Service which follows a structured treatment programme, providing wraparound care. This is personalised to each individual by developing a specific treatment plan in line with appropriate NICE guidelines. The programme has many strands which can include Individual Therapy, Group Work, Family Therapy, Parents Group, Education and Medication.

- Telephone support and advice 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with home visits if required.

All referrals for young people across the South West that may require an inpatient admission are considered according to clinical priority. NHS England is committed to do everything it can to minimise travel during this difficult period, and wherever possible children and young people will be accommodated in their nearest adolescent inpatient unit; for young people in Bristol, this would be Bridgwater.

From August 2020, when the Priory confirmed it would be closing the Banksy Ward, there have been 31 admissions of BNSSG patients to General Adolescent Unit beds, 26 of which have been to beds in region.

There are less than 10 young people in the day care programme and there are currently no Bristol patients in General Adolescent Units out of area.

### **3. Policy**

*Not applicable*

### **4. Consultation**

#### **a) Internal**

*Not applicable*

#### **b) External**

Consultation with NHS England and Improvement and Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership (AWP)

### **5. Public Sector Equality Duties**

- 5a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following “protected characteristics”: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:
- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
  - ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --
    - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
    - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
    - encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
  - iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --
    - tackle prejudice; and
    - promote understanding.
- 5b) This report is an update on commissioned services and is not a proposal for new services. The provision of Specialist Mental Health services has a positive impact as it ensures access to

appropriate services for those children and young people with a mental health need.

When commissioning and developing new services, equality duties are taken into account by the CCG and an equality impact assessment will be undertaken.

**Appendices:**

*None*

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

**Background Papers:**

*None*