

Decision taken by: **The Leader**

Subject of report: **Review of Mental Health Services in West Sussex**

1. DECISION

The Leader passes the following comments onto the NHS West Sussex, Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trusts and the Health Overview & Scrutiny Task Force –

1. that the Leader supports the overall vision for future mental health services as set out in the consultation document;
2. that the Leader supports the proposal to gradually reduce the number of mental health inpatient beds across West Sussex which should be carried out only after an increase in the range, capacity and performance of community mental health services in particular psychological and other ‘talking’ therapies available in the community through the Community Mental Health Teams and not just to inpatients;
3. that the Leader recommends that all the community services should be in place and up and running before any beds are closed;
4. with regard to the specific options set out in the consultation document – that the Leader supports the majority informed view and welcomes the current levels of inpatient beds being maintained in Worthing;
5. that the Leader supports the direction of change in the belief that the public consultation exercise has been conducted very well and there have been extensive opportunities for people to have their say.
6. that there needs to be investigation regarding the capacity of GPs’ surgeries to ensure community mental health services can be accommodated.

2. REASON FOR DECISION

In line with recommendations from the meeting of Overview and Scrutiny that took place on the 24 June 2010 and close scrutiny of the consultation documentation.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

N/A

4. CONSULTATION

This report was included in Bulletin 141/22 June 2010.

Reports are circulated to all Councillors via the Bulletin and Intranet. Non-confidential reports are sent to the Youth Council and also appear on the Internet.

The Cabinet Member has consulted with his Policy Adviser and invited and received comments from all interested parties, Ward Councillors and Youth Council representatives. Recommendations were received from the meeting of Overview and Scrutiny that took place on 24 June 2010.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

***As agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 24 June 2010
this decision will take immediate effect***