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Record of Decision: Review of Mental Health Services in West Sussex
Decision taken by: Leader
Declaration of Prejudicial Interests: I hereby confirm that I do not have a prejudicial interest in this item.
Declaration of Personal Interests: None
Decision: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. that the direction of travel is understood, however, there is still a lot to do to provide adequate Community Mental Health Services;2. Community Mental Health Teams need to be available for 24 hours and a short extension to the current hours of availability is not sufficient;3. that there needs to be a system for making sure those suffering from schizophrenia or psychosis take their medication when in the community;4. that the expectation for each psychological therapist in a primary care location to handle 1000 cases is unrealistic;5. that concern is expressed regarding the public consultation statement that 'the reduction in inpatient beds does not require further investment in community services', it is the held belief that significant further investment is required;6. that those suffering from dementia in nursing homes need better care and attention;7. that there needs to be better provision of respite care for carers of those with mental health issues;8. that it is understood that along with a duty of care to those with mental health issues comes a duty to protect the general public.9. that concern be expressed that the email address provided in the consultation was incorrect and may have prevented some people from responding to the consultation.10. Although the current proposals do not specify a direct reduction in the provision of mental health services in Adur at the moment I am concerned that the Councils were not consulted on previous alterations to the service when there were reductions in the service at that time.

Key Decision: Yes/ No			
Reasons for the Decision: In line with recommendations from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 6 July 2010 and close scrutiny of the consultation document and previous reviews of mental health services.			
Alternative Options Considered: None			
Other Matters Considered:			
Legal Advice and Issues	x	Financial Advice and Issues	x
Sustainability Issues	x	Equality Issues	x
Community Safety Issues	x	Human Rights Issues	x
Reputation	x	Risk Assessment	x
Health and Safety Issues	x		
Consultation: This report was circulated to Councillors and published on the Council's website on 23 June 2010. The following consultation responses were noted by the decision maker: The recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 6 July 2010.			
Background Papers: None.			
Lead Officer: Mark Lowe Corporate Policy Officer (Scrutiny) Tel: 01903 221009 mark.lowe@worthing.gov.uk			
Call-in: None - as agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 24 June 2010 this decision will take immediate effect .			



Signed: **Date:** 20 July 2010

Name: Councillor Neil Parkin

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