

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH FOUNDATION TRUST (CPFT)–
QUALITY ACCOUNT 2014/15****DRAFT STATEMENT BY CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – HEALTH
COMMITTEE**

The Health Committee has examined the following issues over the past year:

Lifeworks and Community Personality Disorder Service. Following on from concerns expressed by the previous Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (AWHOSC) in 2013/14 regarding the lack of consultation or communication with service users about the changes to this service, the Health Committee welcomed a formal consultation period.

A working group was established to ensure a fair consultation process and to coordinate a response to the proposals. In addition a meeting was set up by CPFT aimed at enhancing the transparency of the consultation process by reviewing all written submissions to the consultation and this was attended by the Health Committee Chair and other partner organisations. A formal consultation response with seven recommendations was submitted to CPFT by the Health Committee on 23/7/14. Please see

<http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CommitteeMinutes/Committees/AgendaItem.aspx?agendaItemID=10267>

Arts Therapy Service Consultation. CPFT outlined to the proposed changes to the Arts Therapy service. The Health Committee agreed that a formal public consultation was not necessary due to size of service but the committee working group intended to scrutinise proposals and provide a response to CPFT on behalf of the Health Committee as strong concerns by the public had been expressed to the Committee.

It was noted that the proposed changes from CPFT, aim to increase the number of patients offered arts therapy services across the area with reduced numbers of therapists and total hours of therapy with a time limited offer to patients. The working group noted that the proposed model aims to offer a more equitable service across the county. The working group did submit questions on the proposals and were informed that the consultation had been concluded before the answers had been received.

This has given rise to concern because of the previous difficulties in the CPFT consultation process for the Lifeworks service, although this situation was now on a more positive footing. The committee received assurances from CPFT that there were no proposals to withdraw any services in the short term and changes would be worked through with individual patient teams.

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CPFT & Health Committee Liaison Meetings. As a result of the above scrutiny items and clarification on the timely involvement of Health Committee members around proposed service consultations within CPFT it has been agreed to establish formal liaison group meetings between CPFT and Health Committee representatives.

The first of these meetings was held on 30/3/15. This has been a positive step to enhancing communication and has resulted in the Health Committee in agreement with CPFT examining pressures on the Adult and Children Mental Health services at the July 2015 Health Committee meeting.

Draft statement subject to consideration at Health Committee meeting on 28th May 2015

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