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Dear Jane,

**Re: Personality Disorder Community Service/Complex Cases Service, including Lifeworks**

Thank you for sending to me the response from Cambridgeshire County Council's Health Committee to CPFT's recent consultation on the personality disorder service. We do as commissioners welcome the Committee's close interest in and helpful report about this matter.

The Committee's response includes the following specific recommendation to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group:-

**Recommendation 4** – *"We recommend that CPFT and the CCG as service commissioners monitor the new service very closely in the coming years, and agree a clear service review point. The review should include access times and outcome measures, as well as re-referrals and the use of the crisis team."*

*We call for the CCG to request as part of its contract monitoring processes that CPFT keep the PD service under close ongoing review, and report on progress on a regular basis, and that these reports are published."*

The Committee is aware that the two main priorities for the CCG in considering its future commissioning intentions for local personality disorder services are that any future service (a) provides equitable access throughout the CCG area and (b) is evidence-based. At present, we are liaising with our constituent Local Commissioning Groups about future commissioning intentions for personality disorder services. The LCG GP mental health leads will then make recommendations that will be incorporated into a paper for decision at our Governing Body meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September. We will provide a verbal update about how this process is going to the Health Committee at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

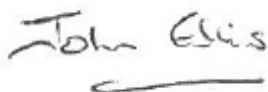
As commissioners we formally monitor our contract with CPFT at a monthly monitoring meeting established specifically for this purpose. The information received each month for each of the pathways that we commission routinely includes information on waiting-times and numbers of re-referrals. We also receive detailed reports about the number and source of referrals to the crisis resolution team. There is a programme for developing outcome measures for each pathway as part of a national initiative to introduce a system of "Care Pathways and Pricing" for all mental health services. It is a national requirement that this information is routinely collected from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. We are happy to work with CPFT to

produce a regular progress report based on the information that we are collecting, and for this to be published.

I trust this response is acceptable to the Committee. I will unfortunately be on leave on September 11<sup>th</sup>, but the meeting will be attended by Dr Emma Tiffin, the CCG GP clinical lead for mental health, who of course has been very closely involved in developing the CCG's commissioning intentions for personality disorder services.

If you have any queries or require any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John Ellis', with a horizontal line underneath.

John Ellis

**CCG Mental Health Commissioning and Contract Lead**

Copy: Dr Emma Tiffin, CCG GP clinical lead for mental health