

<b>Meeting:</b>	Public Protection & Enforcement Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee
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### **Executive Summary**

The purpose of this report is to update the Public Protection & Enforcement Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee, Bromley Council with a report from Croydon and Behavioural and Developmental Psychology Operations Directorate, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust.

### **1. Update**

- The Croydon and Behavioural and Developmental Psychology Operations Directorate continues to work closely with our partners including service users, carers and their families as well as our strategic partners to bring together services to ensure we are responsive to the care and support needs of our local communities.
- In order to implement further improvements to our services South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust co-designed and then adopted a 5 year Strategy; “Aiming High, Changing Lives” and work is in train across all projects within this strategy to allow us to meet the five strategic ambitions we have set: To deliver outstanding mental health care; be a partner in prevention, be a catalyst for change, build a culture of trust together and become effective and sustainable.
- Working collaboratively with our local partners has allowed us to focus on prevention, access, early intervention and recovery to improve our reach and impact on people’s lives, including through the work with One Croydon and our Recovery College, Maudsley Learning and our colleagues at King’s Health Partners.
- The Trust is working closely with our partners to ensure we are able to support the most vulnerable people in our communities with social care, housing, health employment, education and staying well.
- We have further developed our Croydon community mental health provision, under our ongoing Croydon Transformation work, to ensure there is sufficient resource and capacity throughout the system to deliver a seamless, evidence-based and person-centred service to the local population. We are continuing to support our service users’ transition back to primary care and improve support for community patients following discharge.
- For more information about the organisation please see South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust’s Annual Report and Accounts.

### **2. Bethlem Royal Hospital – site update**

- Following the reintroduction of the site being used as a community asset in 2022 post the period where infection, prevention and control (IPC) measures remained in place, we are delighted to report that the Bethlem Royal Hospital and its grounds once again now offers access for dog walkers, local bowls and football clubs, “Park Run”, and public exhibitions at the Museum of the Mind in line with the provisions in place prior to the covid-19 pandemic.
- We have further developed our relationship with Certitude, the providers of the service at “The Orchards” in the space adjacent to the Bethlem Hospital to continue to do all

we can to support the recovery of our service users transferred into the flats there. We have seen a reduction in reports of antisocial behaviour in and outside of the units. To note The Orchards flats are for use for our service users, who no longer need to be in hospital to take the next step in their recovery whilst they await their home, placement or care package to be ready

- Our low secure residential forensic rehabilitation unit Ward in the Community is still planned to be transitioned from its current site at Lambeth Hospital to the Bethlem Royal Hospital site but as this move forms part of a wider programme of estate transition work this move has been delayed from 2023 and is now expected to take place in late 2024. The exact location on site is to be determined but to note, the move will see the transfer off of the Bethlem Royal Hospital site of another service; the National specialist neurorehabilitation inpatient ward for neuropsychiatry and brain injury, “The Lishman Unit” which will move to the Maudsley Hospital site.

### 3. Bromley Protocol

- We remain committed to working with our partners at Bromley Council to support the Bromley Protocol with adhering to the agreement that we have in place.
- The Croydon and Behavioural and Developmental Psychiatry Operations Directorate continues to lead a monthly Bethlem Royal Hospital Site Meetings. Key stakeholders from across the site come together to look at a number of site-based matters including site incidents and the interface with the community, including Bromley Council.
- The Croydon and Behavioural and Developmental Psychiatry Operations Directorate additionally leads a monthly Bethlem Royal Hospital Police liaison meeting where incidents of AWOL are discussed in detail across all stakeholders including colleagues from the MET police.
- There were a total of 11 incidents of absconion from our medium secure wards for the period June 2023 to May 2024. Absconding from leave was the most commonly recorded sub-category for AWOL based incidents. None of these 11 incidents were associated with the patient re-offending.
- This marks a significant reduction when compared to the 25 incidents of absconion in the preceding period between 2022 and 2023 that were reported to this Scrutiny Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- To support both the reduction of and careful management and response to AWOLs South London and Maudsley is refreshing our local AWOL training course and associated literature. This updating is being co-designed with associated stakeholders including colleagues from the MET police.
- It should be noted that the granting of leave is done with very careful consideration, taking into account all the aspects of a person’s personal, family, past medical, past psychiatric, risk history and current mental state. The granting of gradually increasing leave is aimed at supporting someone’s safe rehabilitation into the community. This approach has been shown to be successful in reducing re-offending, with rates of recidivism in Forensic psychiatric patients in the UK being up to 7.7 times lower than recidivism rates in prisoners in Criminal Justice Settings.