

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S  
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

**REPORT**

<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	18 May 2011
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	NHS Lincolnshire & Lincolnshire County Council's proposed Section 75 Agreement for CAMHS
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<b>IS THE REPORT EXEMPT?</b>	No
<b>IS THE REPORT CONFIDENTIAL?</b>	No

**1. Purpose: For Discussion**

To consult the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership on the proposed agreement (made under Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006) that NHS Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire County Council's Children's Services are planning to enter into in July 2011.

**2. Background/Context**

NHS Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire County Council's Children's Services Directorate co-commission Lincolnshire's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) from Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. To date services have been contracted via two different arrangements that cover the separate health and social care service components.

Children's Services existing contractual arrangement for CAMHS is due to expire on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and following extensive negotiation new commissioning intentions have been agreed that will transform existing provision. Crucially, both commissioners have also agreed in principal a modified partnership approach to commissioning preventative and targeted CAMHS.

It is proposed that NHS Lincolnshire and Children's Services establish an agreement under Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006. This type of agreement allows Visit [www.lincolnshirechildren.net](http://www.lincolnshirechildren.net)

Local Authorities and Health to delegate their functions to one-another and pool budgets in the best interest of service provision. From here the appropriate powers would be in place to establish a new single contract for preventative and targeted CAMHS that covers both the health and social care components. NHS Lincolnshire will continue to directly commission specialist CAMHS.

The services to be commissioned from this pooled budget will build upon the ethos of Brilliant Lincolnshire and the care pathway developed through the Targeted Mental Health in Schools (TaMHS) pathfinder project. TaMHS demonstrated that early investment in preventative support in schools resulted in a reduced reliance on more specialist CAMHS, with young people's mental health concerns being managed more in universal settings leaving specialist services open to those with the most complex needs.

The revised proposal of services to be commissioned includes:

- Primary Mental Health Workers to work in Local Integrated Teams and deliver preventative services countywide and mental health interventions referred in from schools and Children's Services Teams.
- A dedicated CAMHS Looked After Children Team to provide training and support to social workers, foster carers, adoptive parents, leaving care workers and residential care homes. Any Looked After Child requiring CAMHS will receive a fast track assessment from this team.
- A Community Forensic Psychologist to provide forensic risk assessments for Courts on extremely vulnerable young people displaying sexualised behaviour.
- CAMHS support to Lincoln Secure Unit.

The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership are being consulted on this proposal to ensure that any queries they have can be addressed and acted upon.

### **3. Recommendation**

That the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership consider that they have been appropriately consulted on the proposed Section 75 Agreement between NHS Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire County Council's Children's Services.