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Mental Health Trusts – Annual ReportsReport by: Caroline Robinson, Deputy Director of Mental Health Joint
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To: Community Wellbeing and Older People's Policy and Scrutiny Committee
(CWOPPSC)**Subject:** Annual Reports from North Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (NEPFT) and South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (SEPT) 2009-10.

In line with previously agreed procedures the Annual Reports from the two Partnership NHS Foundation Trusts to the CWOPPSC are attached. The Partnerships were established under Section 31 of the Health Act 1999 for an initial three years, in order to deliver integrated mental health services under a single management arrangement. They have been extended under Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 until March 2012 following a review to improve governance arrangements and ensure that the agreements are fully up to date.

The reports of both Trusts make reference to the background to the establishment of the Partnerships, highlighting the benefits of partnership working in the delivery of health and social care mental health services for Essex Citizens.

The Reports demonstrate a record of continuous achievement, performance against the Healthcare Commission's ratings for SEPT who maintain their "excellent" ratings for both use of resources and quality of services for the third year running. NEPFT also received a rating of "excellent" against use of resources and quality of services.

Both NEPFT and SEPT have successfully achieved Foundation Trust status and both have achieved a rating of 4 against financial risk (1 being highest risk and 5 being lowest) from Monitor (the Independent regulator of NHS Foundation Trusts). Both Trusts have ratings of green against governance and mandatory goods and services. One of the benefits of being a Foundation trust is the engagement of service users and the public in the governance of the organisation.

Performance against social care performance indicators during 2009/10 has improved.

It is worth highlighting the following:

- ∇ The Trusts made considerable improvements in the Carers assessments and provision of services to Carers. The target set was a challenging one and although final performance for carers services fell short of the target of 28%, SEPT achieved 24.9% and NEPFT achieved 25.7%. Whilst both Trusts have continued to make progress with carer's assessments and provision of services to carers the data indicates that they are still not achieving the targets set by ECC. Both Trusts have an action plan in place and have increased investment in services to Carers which reflects their commitment to improving performance. This is an area that we will continue to focus on in 2010/11.
- ∇ Both Trusts have been piloting SDS this year to date 13 SDS cases have been agreed in North Essex and 11 SDS cases in South Essex. The pilot has been fully supported by staff training and expertise from ECC to share learning and best practice from other service areas where SDS had already been implemented. The pilot is being evaluated by the MIME project (Making Involvement in Essex Matter). In Mid Essex a small NHS pilot is exploring the use of personal budgets using NHS funding complementing the social care pilot.
- ∇ The LAA target supporting people into employment, volunteering, education and training exceeded targets for the second year. This was partly due to the benefit of LAA Performance Reward Grant for supporting people with mental health problems into volunteering. The performance reward grant funding was withdrawn and the supported volunteering projects had to cease with effect from 2010/11. However the indications are that performance will still be good this year, targets are achieved by a number of organisations working in partnership with the Trusts to deliver the individual placement and support model.
- ∇ Whilst there have been improvements in reviews the number of people in residential care continue to rise. The Trusts are working with ECC to audit case files and identify what the underlying issues are in terms of demand, practice and alternative opportunities to support people to live more independently. This work will inform the development of supported housing options and will be discussed with the Mental Health Housing locality forums that have been established this year.
- ∇ With the implementation of the Mental Health Act 2007 which amends the Mental Health Act 1983 progress has been made with the extension of the AMHP (Approved Mental Health Practitioner) role to NHS employees. This has entailed the development of a new contract for the employment of individual AMHP's, recruitment to AMHP training from both Health and Social Care posts and the development of training that meets the statutory continued professional development requirements in partnership with ARU (Anglia

Ruskin University). A concern over the coming year will be to ensure recruitment to the AMHP service from other Social Care service areas within ECC.

- ∇ Both Trusts continue to meet the requirements of the Essex Safeguarding Adults Board in every domain. We are confident that robust governance arrangements and systems are in place to ensure that information and learning are shared between ECC safeguards unit and both Trusts. The following table provides some detail of the Trusts' activity:

Adult Safeguarding in North Essex

Number of adult safeguarding referrals 09/10	144
Number of DoLS (Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards) 09/10 (whole of Essex Figure)	260

Adult Safeguarding in South Essex

Number of adult safeguarding referrals 09/10	108
Number of DoLS (Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards) 09/10	Included in figure above for North (whole of Essex figure)

- ∇ Both Trusts have undertaken supervision audits for seconded staff. The audit in North Essex confirms that arrangements are in place for both managerial and professional supervision. In South Essex issues identified with consistency of professional supervision has been addressed with the appointment of a Lead for social care supervision. A system has been put in place that ensures that each member of staff receives both professional and managerial supervision and this will be audited again in 2011/12.

The presentation of the Trusts' annual reports is a requirement set out in the Partnership Agreements to report formally to Essex County Council Members. We welcome the scrutiny offered by Members in reviewing the achievements of the two Mental Health Partnerships over the year and being able to discuss some of the challenges ahead.