

Consultation on Improving Mental Health Services in Cumbria

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Recommendation: that the Committee consider how it wishes to be part of the public consultation by Cumbria Primary Care Trust on Improving Mental Health Services in Cumbria.

BACKGROUND

The Committee will recall that the Cumbria Primary Care Trust (PCT) has been proposing to review mental health services throughout Cumbria. The proposals are the subject of a public consultation period until 30 September 2008. Part of this consultation has involved public meetings with one being held in Whitehaven on 21 July and one due to be held in Millom.

At its last meeting the Committee considered the consultation document and agreed that a presentation should be made from the PCT on the consultation at this meeting. The PCT has been asked to do this and are as yet unable to confirm who will attend.

The Committee is invited to consider how the council should engage in this consultation process and what role this committee should take as part of that process.

Cumbria County Council has set up a Task and Finish Group of its Health and Well being Scrutiny Committee to look at this issue and it includes one councillor from each area directly affected (i.e. each District except Eden), namely Simon Leyton (County - Copeland); John Hunter (District - Allerdale); Sandra Fisher (District - Carlisle); Helen Horne (County - Carlisle); Jill Heath (District - Barrow) and John Hemingway (County - S Lakeland).

Bearing in mind the recent protocol on health localities scrutiny between the county council and the borough/district councils there may be some scope for the committee to feed into the county's review if it so wishes.

List of Appendices

None

List of Background Documents:

None