

## **Report of the Cabinet Member** **Children's Services and Skills**

I have been asked to report by Councillor Biederman, as follows:

*the current situation in Children's Mental Health Services; in particular the current waiting times and transitions from child to adult services.*

### **The current position with wait times in Children's Mental Health Services**

- 92% of children and young people should receive their first definitive treatment within 18 weeks of referral (Referral to Treatment RTT national expectation).
- April 2016 to March 2017 saw a steady improvement in RTT locally; by March 2017, 93% of children and young people were seen within 18 weeks.
- February 2018 data showed 84% and there has been a further decline in performance.

NEW Devon CCG has undertaken a deep dive and is working with the provider to monitor and address the performance decline through an action plan with expected performance improvement in the next three months.

Urgent referrals and urgent cases are reported separately to the RTT data

- 97% of urgent referrals are seen within 24 hours
- 93% of children with urgent need are seen within one week

Emotional Health and Well-being (including access to CAMHS) remains one of four priorities for the Devon Children and Families Partnership and for the STP

### **Transferring from child to adult services- referrals for young people aged 16-17 years**

There is no evidence of delay in 16/17 year olds receiving treatment and no indication that young people have to wait to 18 to receive an appropriate service

Supporting children and young people and their families through key transitions effective transition planning across all services is a strategic priority for all partners and is included in the STP.

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