

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Title:	Update for Board Members on Availability of Adolescent Mental Health Crisis Beds		
Report of the Corporate Director of Adult & Community Services			
Open Report	For Information		
Wards Affected: ALL	Key Decision: NO		
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Summary: <p>A number of reports are circulating in the press concerning a 16-year old girl who was detained by Police in Devon following a breach of the peace. She had mental health problems but, having been sectioned, had to be held in custody over the weekend due to a national lack of beds for adolescent mental health crisis.</p> <p>This touches on a matter which has been raised before concerning 'Tier 4' provision for Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services. The matter has been raised with the London branch of the Association of Directors of Children's Services, who in turn are in discussions with the Department of Health on the issues.</p> <p>The Board will receive a short presentation to outline the local position around the availability of acute and crisis inpatient services for young people with mental health problems.</p>			
Recommendation(s) The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to consider the information in the presentation to be given, and raise any questions they have on the matters set out.			
Reason(s): Provision of acute mental health crisis support is important in protecting vulnerable young people from further immediate harm and distress, as well as from longer-term adverse outcomes as a result of their mental health problems. Working with its partners, this supports the Council's delivery of its stated aim to keep vulnerable adults and children safe and healthy, delivering its key priority around enabling social responsibility.			