



**Integrated
Care System**
Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

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Children and Young Persons Mental Health Update

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Current Position

- BeeU service until 30/9/25
- Challenged performance against access targets and waiting times
- Continued increase in demand for services – assessment and treatment
- Some increase in capacity with increased funding
- Locally includes:
 - 24/7 crisis and home treatment team
 - Eating disorder team to expand to offer ARFID
 - Single point of access for CAMHS
 - Medic team
 - 5 x Mental Health in Schools Teams (MHST) approximately 50% of CYP population
 - Physical health check team
 - Core BeeU- mental health practitioner, CBT, SLT, OT, multi skilled work force



In-Year Performance

- Operational national priorities include CYP access to NHS funded Mental Health services. (0-25); MH Crisis provision 24/7, Eating Disorders standards for referral to treatment, roll out of MH support offer in schools.
- Progress against access target hampered due to challenges in recruitment to new posts & issues with activity data capture in the main MH provider, as well as in VCSE/other sub-contracts. Current performance around 78% of plan and expecting to miss the current year target (March 2025) but on track to improve to meet target during 2025/26.
- Adverse impact on waiting times for children for assessment and treatment, in particularly for Neuro developmental referrals. Improvements are expected in this area as recruitment progresses. Main provider also undertaking a large scale validation of waiting lists.
- An improvement plan is in place to track recruitment of staff, reduce the impact of staff turnover & staff sickness and identify and record “missed” activity in clinical systems, and capturing all relevant activity from VSCE. Alongside this, ensuring training & robust processes are put in place to prevent a re-occurrence. Led by ICB, with NHSE oversight.



Recommissioning

- Building on previous development and engagement work. Wider public engagement & communications strategy
- Collaborative approach with system partners to design and development
- Service specification drafted and out for further comments from partners including both T&W & Shropshire Local authorities
- Extensive additional engagement
- Procurement start date deferred to May 2025 to allow for Shropshire re-election period and additional time for review and sign off

