

BRIEFING
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Pennine Care statement regarding Manchester Mental Health and Social Care Trust

As you will be aware, Manchester's three Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and the Trust Development Authority (TDA) have confirmed that an alternative NHS provider will be selected to take over the running of Manchester Mental Health and Social Care Trust (MMHSCT) through a procurement process. This process will be limited to existing mental health providers covering the patch.

The Board of Directors of Pennine Care can now confirm that the Trust intends on bidding to be the preferred provider of these services.

I would like to reassure Committee members that the procurement will not detract the Trust from its existing services, contracts and relationships. As always, we are keen to explore any new ideas and innovations to continue to improve the mental health and community services we currently provide.

The bid will be overseen by a dedicated project team, led by a new experienced Project Director, Gary Graham, who joins us from Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership Trust, where he was Chief Executive.

This is a very significant and exciting prospect for Pennine Care and the future of mental health care across Greater Manchester. We strongly believe that it would not dilute our current service provision, but in fact having a larger mental health footprint would benefit each locality, allow us to be more innovative and attract leading talent.

The timescales for when the procurement exercise will run are yet to be confirmed, but it will be an extensive process spanning several months.

We would welcome your support with the bid and Gary Graham would like to meet with you to discuss our position and take on board any thoughts, ideas or insights – email garygraham@nhs.net

Thank you for your support and we will ensure you are kept up to date as the process develops.

Michael McCourt
Chief Executive