

Mental Health Investment Standard Compliance Statement for the year ended 31st March 2019

The planning guidance for 2018/19 stated that each CCG must meet the Mental Health Investment Standard (MHIS) by which their 2018/19 investment in mental health rises at a faster rate than their overall published programme funding.

As the Accountable Officer of Gloucestershire CCG I am responsible for the preparation of the Mental Health Investment Standard Compliance Statement (the "Statement") for the year ended 31 March 2019 and for the financial information that forms the basis of the calculation on which the Statement is derived. This includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation of the Statement to ensure that mental health expenditure is correctly classified and included in the calculations and that the Statement is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

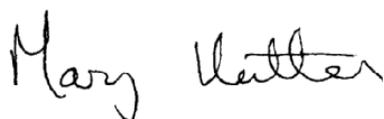
To the best of my knowledge and belief I have properly discharged my responsibilities, with regard to reporting against the Mental Health Investment Standard

NHS Gloucestershire CCG considers that it has not complied with the requirements of the mental health investment standard for 2018/19. The Gloucestershire ICS system had planned for and prioritised the required funding to deliver against the increase required by the Mental Health Investment Standard. However, the non compliance is entirely due to the non-recurrent national increased cost in primary care drug costs between the years relating to unavailability of preferred drugs and the required use of more expensive alternatives..

If the national changes to drug prices are removed from the calculation, the CCG shows an increase in expenditure between the two years. The expenditure on services excluding primary care drugs shows an increase of 3.18% in 2018/19 compared to the CCG's allocation increase of 2.8%

In addition, in 2018/19, Gloucestershire spent £1,142k on the following areas:
Perinatal Mental Health Services (£711k)
Integrated Personal Commissioning (£130k)
Trailblazer for MH in Schools (£301k)

This expenditure for services such as perinatal mental health does not count towards the Mental Health Investment Standard as it represents additional funding for 2017/18 and 2018/19. This funding has now been picked up as a local priority in 2019/20.



Accountable Officer
25th October 2019