

Response from Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group

Thank-you for the opportunity to comment on your report on perinatal mental health provision in Oxfordshire. It is great to hear that much of the feedback was positive and it is really important that we feedback to local teams about the things they do well as well as when things could be improved. Improving the way care is joined up and in particular, how different care providers communicate is central to OCCG's plans to transform services in Oxfordshire. There is a well-established Oxfordshire Perinatal Mental Health Forum and that group is responsible for redesigning the current pathway so that we have a single integrated service. I am proposing that the recommendations from your report are considered by that Forum when it next meets at the end of this month. The Forum is in the process of developing a bid to NHS England for new investment to provide a single integrated perinatal mental health service. Your report is, therefore very timely and will be used to inform those developments.