

FOI Request: Safeguarding/Dementia Care
Our Reference Number: 1314230

Request 1: I note that each CCG allocates part of their budget to mental health. Mental health locally is provided by SEPT. Who covers a very wide area of services including mental health.

1. Does this mean SEPT get funds from each CCG as part of their overall budget?

The CCGs in South Essex have a responsibility to ensure that there are adequate health services for the patients in their area. To do this they commission provider organisations to supply services in that area. For mental health, the CCGs have commissioned SEPT, and pay them to provide services in their respective areas.

2. Given patient choice is important, it seems unfair that the only choice we have is via SEPT because they have control over a very vast area of all the health services. As patients, we have no choice because there is nowhere else to go? Are there any plans to reduce the size of SEPT and offer patients more choice?

In line with best practice, we are currently reviewing current services and pathways.

Request 2: Safeguarding / dementia care – I see that you provide the above services, but am also aware that SEPT also provide them. As SEPT are funded by the CCG to provide these services, does this mean they are one and the same service, or are they duplicated?

The CCG does not provide the above service, but commission SEPT to do so on their behalf.