



Statement on Care Quality Commission (CQC) report published on 15th September

Essex Family Forum is aware of the recent Care Quality Commission (CQC) report published on 15th September in relation to the inspection of Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust Child and Adolescent Mental Health wards.

<https://api.cqc.org.uk/public/v1/reports/67371114-cd15-42a2-b5b6-4759d54de8aa?20210915070042>

Essex Family Forum will continue to work with our strategic partners to address the findings as reported and push for better outcomes for our Children Young People and Families. We anticipate that the Trust will issue a formal statement in response to the report and will, of course, share that.

As a Parent Carer Forum, we understand that nationally many children and young people who are under the care of Child and Adolescent Mental Health wards will have special educational needs or a learning disability. We are working regionally to prevent *inappropriate* admissions, which often occur because of a lack of understanding of the importance of having local services to meet the needs of the children and young people in local areas. There will always be cases where admission to a mental health inpatient facility is the optimal course of treatment for a mental health need.

We have published a document which sets out for you with background information on what is happening in the NHS at the moment, the NHS Long-Term Plan and what this might mean for your family, and the services available locally to support your child or young person today.

<https://essexfamilyforum.org/useful-information/health-information/>

If you would like to share your experience of mental health provision in Essex, you can do so via our anonymous Graffiti Wall. [Virtual Graffiti Wall - Essex Family Forum](#)

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