

Mental Health Investment Standard for the year ended 31 March 2022 for NHS Southport and Formby CCG

All CCGs were required to plan to achieve the Mental Health Investment Standard in 2021/22 and CCGs were required to spend greater than or equal to the 2021/22 target spend number provided by NHS England and NHS Improvement.

As the Accountable Officer of Cheshire and Merseyside ICB (the successor body of NHS Southport and Formby CCG), I am responsible for the preparation of the Mental Health Investment Standard Compliance Statement (the "Statement") for the year ended 31 March 2022 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 controls 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 mis-statement, 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.

I consider that NHS Southport and Formby CCG has not complied with the requirements of the Mental Health Investment Standard for 2021/22. Spend in relation to certain services was erroneously included as eligible spend for the Mental Health Investment Standard in previous years and therefore formed part of the calculation to set the target spend for 2021/22. This spend, which the CCG anticipated was eligible for inclusion as Mental Health spend, has now been found to be ineligible and has therefore been eliminated from actual spend. This error was not identified previously, and the target cannot be adjusted retrospectively to exclude spend subsequently considered ineligible that may have been included in the target figure. The 2021/22 target spend was £21.538 million and actual spend was £20.675 million.

**Graham Urwin**

Chief Executive and Accountable Officer

Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board (the successor body of NHS Southport and Formby CCG)

Date: 14th November 2023