# Mental Health System Profiling Tool

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# Background

- Commissioned by NHS London through a tendering process
- Initiated and supervised by Geraldine Strathdee
- Project managed by Mazars
- Started July 2012 – completed March 2013

# Why was it commissioned?

- Bring together a wide range of information across the mental health pathway

- Support joint strategic needs assessment, strategy development, and commissioning decisions

- Help to improve data quality

- More interactive than previous indicator work

- Described as a 'prototype' for possible future development

# Who are the tools for?

- Health and Wellbeing Boards (to support JSNA and strategy development)
- Commissioners (CCGs, local authorities, NHS England)
- National Bodies (eg Public Health England, NTA)
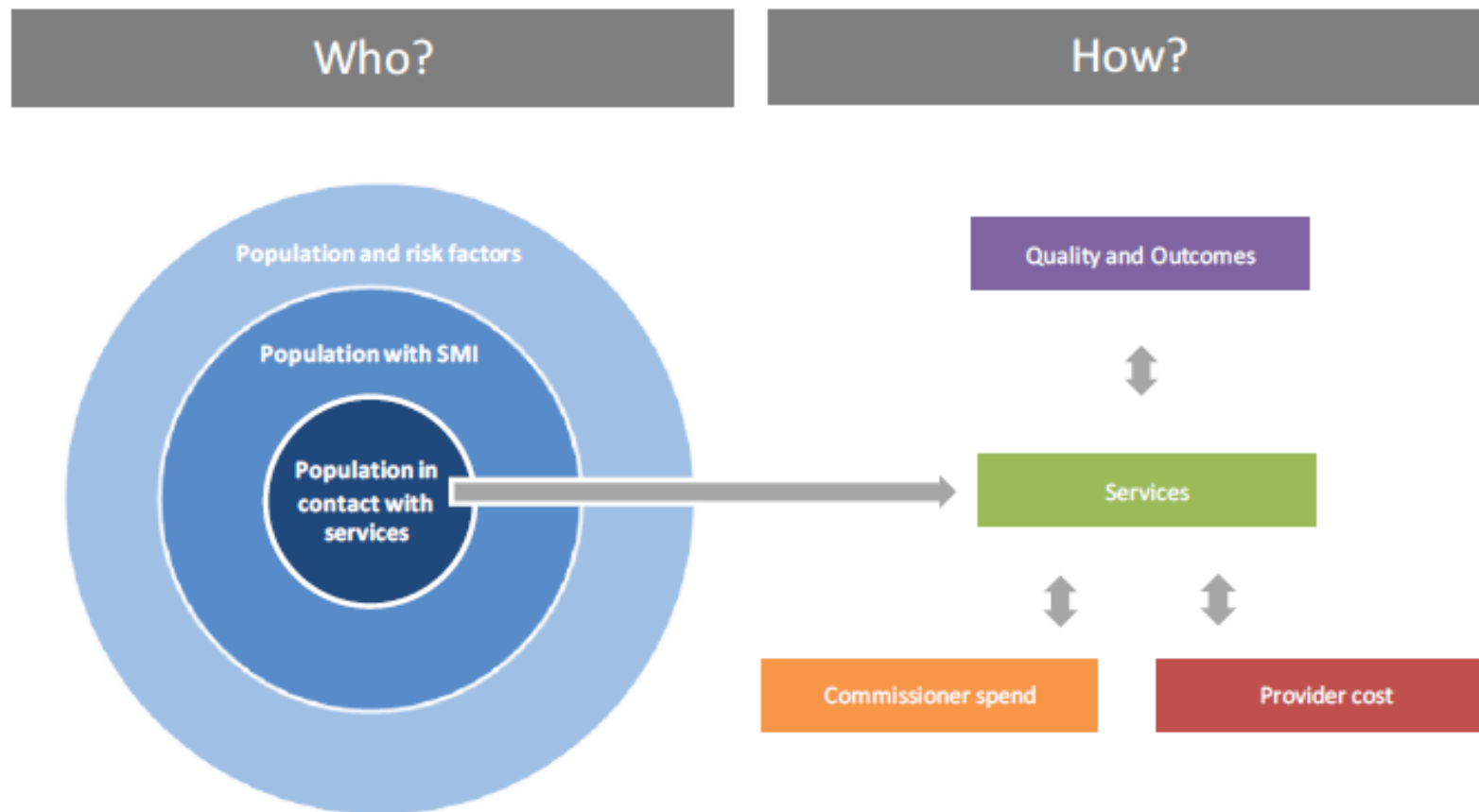- Providers
- Service user organisations

# Four tools

- Severe mental illness (132 indicators)

- Common mental health disorders (114 indicators)

- Children and young people's mental health and wellbeing (95 indicators)

- Substance misuse (95 indicators)

- Also produced a 'Key findings' report for each tool

# Extensive consultation

- Expert Reference Group for each tool
- King's Fund workshop
- Individual meetings, eg:
  - Commissioners
  - GPs and shadow CCG leads
  - Clinicians
  - Public health
  - Data and finance experts
  - Other specialists

# Overall layout of the tool

# Data content

- Inclusion criteria, eg:
  - relevance
  - nationally available
  - borough-level
  - reasonable continuity
  - data quality
- Wide coverage across the pathway, eg:
  - population 'determinants'/prevention
  - primary care
  - social care
  - specialist care

# Key features

- A dashboard to select key indicators
- Can choose different types of chart
- Choice of comparator boroughs (eg NHS England local areas, deprivation groups, boroughs served by each MH Trust, groups that users can define themselves)
- London and England averages
- Confidence intervals
- Ability to download data
- Notes on each indicator
- Guidance notes on the tool

# Some issues

- Well-received in consultation, but need 'real-life' feedback from tool users

- Carried out at a time of great change in the NHS and local government

- Data availability (but there is more info than many people think!)

- New and improving mental health data (eg PbR)

- Data quality in some areas

- Updating and extending coverage?

- Using data to influence decisions....

# Project team

- Mazars (Peter Finn, Marie Edwards, Alison Wright)
- Paul Brotherton Consulting (Paul Brotherton, Kate Lachowycz, Cam Lugton)
- Eastern Region Public Health Observatory (Julian Flowers)
- North East Quality Observatory System (Jean Brown)