

Wiltshire Council

Children's Select Committee

4 September 2018

Task Group Update

Purpose

To provide an update on recent task group activity and propose any decisions requiring Committee approval.

1. Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) Task Group

Membership:

Cllr Phil Alford (Chairman)
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Cllr Gordon King
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Terms of Reference:

That the CAMHS Task Group:

- a) Consider the governance arrangements for the recommissioned CAHMS service;
- b) Explore and understand the new CAHMS model in comparison to the existing model and consider the evidence base for any changes. Then where appropriate, make recommendations to support its implementation and effectiveness;
- c) Look at existing data and ensure that the new model's performance will be robustly monitored and benchmarked against this by the council, partners and by the proposed future scrutiny exercise;
- d) Consider access and referral points within the new CAHMS model and, as appropriate, make recommendations to maximise take-up by children and young people in need of support;
- e) Explore where CAMHS sits within the overall landscape of children and young people's mental health and, within this, consider whether prevention services are effective

Recent Activity

The task group have been conducting interviews over the summer with GPs, CAMHS clinicians, pupils and teachers, the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council,

professionals from the Council's SEND service, social workers from both Support and Safeguarding, as well as Children in Care and an Education Welfare Officer.

The interviews have provided great insight into where CAMHS sits within the overall mental health offer for children and young people in Wiltshire and how accessible the service is, as well as typical referral points. The task group are grateful to all who have been involved in these interviews so far; as their input has been invaluable.

The final interview to be arranged is proposed between a CAMHS therapist allocated to a Thrive Hub school and this is hoped to take place on 6 September. The task group will also be meeting on 6 September to draw together the key themes that have arisen from their summer interviews. These themes will then be raised with Commissioners at 1 November meeting.

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