

**Wiltshire Council**

**Children's Select Committee**

**21 January 2020**

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## **Task Group Update**

### **Purpose**

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

### **1. Traded Services for Schools Task Group**

#### Membership:

Mr John Hawkins (Chairman)  
Cllr Trevor Carbin  
Cllr Jon Hubbard  
Cllr Tony Jackson

*Supporting Officer: Marie Gondlach*

#### Terms of reference:

1. To review the proposed developments for traded services to schools, considering the outcomes of the service review of traded services (commenced in October 2016), with a particular focus on the following areas:
  - a) The model for the centralised trading unit and the proposed traded services team structure and appointments to ensure sustainability and quality of service;
  - b) The cost of services that are currently provided against projected costs to ensure value for money;
  - c) The plans for marketing to ensure continuous take-up;
  - d) The current policy;
  - e) How traded services will be future-proofed.
  
2. To review and comment on the Cabinet report regarding the proposals for the future of outdoor education in Wiltshire, with particular focus on the Evidence based analysis that led to the options presented within the report. Comments from the task group will be presented to Cabinet at the same meeting at which the report is considered (scheduled for 28 March 2018 at the time of writing).
  
3. To review and comment on:
  - a) the Council's advertising of the two outdoor education sites (Braeside and Oxenwood);
  - b) the Council's consideration of expressions of interest, including evaluation

criteria and weighting;  
c) the report to Cabinet (planned for 9 October 2018 at time of writing) presenting the findings on the expressions of interests.

#### Recent Activity:

The task group met on Monday 18 November with a focus on monitoring the implementation of the work programme for traded services, including appointment to the team, efficiency of Right Choice and the development of a Pricing and Charging structure.

The task group is working to present its final report to this committee at the March 2020 meeting, to that end the task group's final planned work is looking into good practice from other local authorities with regards to traded services for schools.

## **2. Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) Task Group**

Membership:

Cllr Phil Alford (Chairman)  
Cllr Clare Cape  
Cllr Gordon King  
Cllr Fred Westmoreland

*Supporting Officer: Natalie Heritage*

#### 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 CAMHS Task Group met on 10 December to look at governance arrangements, the CAMHS Improvement Plan and the NHS's Benchmarking report.

The Task Group learnt of and discussed the various levels and layers of scrutiny provided within the CAMHS model. The local level arrangements relate to the monthly CAMHS contract review meetings. Alongside this, Oxford Health (the CAMH service provider) also have their own governance structures; one of these being Task and Finish groups, who focus on specific areas of service delivery, for example, the work of psychiatrists. The Oxford Health Trust also has a Project Board and all the local areas where Oxford Health delivers CAMHS, report into this Board.

As CAMHS in Wiltshire also spreads across BANES and Swindon, the members discussed the importance of sustaining place-based scrutiny of services for Wiltshire. The CCG's interim Director of Community and Joint Commissioning attended December's meeting and assured that her role was to help maintain scrutiny of place-based services.

Additionally, the members discussed CAMHS' new Case Management Tool, although still in its early days, this system is partly intended to ensure that children/young people across BANES, Swindon and Wiltshire receive parity of care.

In regard to the Improvement Plan, this document sets out how CAMHS is working on enhancing the service that it delivers. Regular updates on the plan's progress are required to be submitted to both the monthly contract review meetings, as well as to the Project Board.

When considering national statistics from the NHS, Wiltshire's progress was evident. For example, the average waiting time from referral to assessment is nine weeks, whereas in Wiltshire this figure is five weeks (or seven weeks according to year-to-date data). The NHS have highlighted that demand is outstripping supply and in response, have committed to expanding the workforce.

The Task Group are next due to meet in February, where they will discuss outcomes-based commissioning and whether waiting times have improved, since the re-commissioned CAMHS model has been implemented.

### **3. Youth Transport Task Group**

Membership:

Cllr Tony Jackson (Chairman)  
Cllr Mary Champion  
Cllr George Jeans  
Cllr Jim Lynch  
Master Alfie Lowe (Youth Representative)

*Supporting Officer: Marie Gondlach*

Terms of reference:

1. To investigate the current range of public transportation options available to young people in Wiltshire.<sup>1</sup>
2. To identify any unmet needs, gaps in service provision, and potential areas of improvement.
3. To produce recommendations with a focus on the improvement of Wiltshire's public transport services for young people.

<sup>1</sup> The TG defines the term "young people" as aged up to 18 and up to 25 for care leavers and those living with SEND.

Recent activity:

The task group is working on its final report.

**Proposal**

- 1. To note the task group updates provided.**

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