

**Wiltshire Council**

**Health Select Committee**

**24 April 2018**

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## **Task Group and Programme Boards Representatives Updates**

### **Purpose**

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

### **1. CAMHS (Children and Adolescents Mental Health Services) Task Group**

#### Membership:

Cllr Phil Alford (Chairman)

Cllr Clare Cape

Cllr Gordon King

Cllr Hayley Spencer

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 28 March for an independent knowledge-building session with the Scrutiny Officer on the re-commissioned CAMHS model. The Task

Group considered the Local Transformation Plan (LTP) and the other information which had helped to inform the re-commissioned CAMH service. Discussion was had around how this information relates to the Group's Terms of Reference and the members successfully made a comprehensive list of what they believe the aims and objectives of the re-commissioned CAMHS model to be.

The meeting concluded with the Task Group feeling more confident of where CAMHS sits within Wiltshire's overall Mental Health Strategy (effectively the LTP) and what the improvements to children and young people's mental health outcomes are expected to be with the re-commissioned service.

Ahead of their May meeting, the Task Group also drafted three pages of questions to be put to James Fortune - Lead Commissioner at the Council and Michelle Maguire from Oxford Health. These questions are intended to enable the Task Group to better understand the evidence base for amendments that have been made to the CAMH service, as a part of the re-commissioned model, and how the new service will be robustly monitored and benchmarked against by the Council and its partners.

Cllr Hayley Spencer has stepped down from the task group and the Chairman has taken the decision not to replace her membership; as the group have already covered a lot of ground.

Proposal:

For Health Select Committee to:

- i) Endorse the CAMHS Task Group continuing as a 4-membership task group, as Cllr Hayley Spencer has stepped down from the group

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