

Wiltshire Council

Children's Select Committee

6 November 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)
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 6 September to hold an interview with two individuals working within the Wellbeing Team at Melksham CAMHS; which helps to deliver the 'Thrive Hub' model in Wiltshire's schools. This enabled the task group to gain a better understanding of how the Thrive Hub helps to bring

about positive mental health outcomes for children and young people, as well as to discuss how the service could be taken further.

The task group are next meeting on 2 November to interview an individual who approached Cllr Deborah Halik, via the Health Select Committee, about her experience of CAMHS. This session will also see the task group discussing the key themes from all of their interviews and agreeing potential recommendations for ToRs D and E, before raising them with the Cabinet Member and Senior Management Team (commissioners) on 21 November.

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

Membership:

Cllr Jon Hubbard (Chairman)
Cllr James Sheppard
Mr John Hawkins
Ms Jen Jones

Supporting Officer: Adam Brown

Terms of Reference:

- 1) To consider the future provision of SEND education for Wiltshire's children and young people in the context of the challenges outlined in the "Wood Report"/WASSPP report (May 2017).
- 2) To receive evidence from:
 - a. Wiltshire Council officers;
 - b. Wiltshire schools;
 - c. Parents/guardians of children with SEND.

Recent Activity

The task group last met on 23rd October to receive an update following the pre-consultation and on the upcoming Cabinet report in November. The task group will provide input into the Cabinet report.

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