

Wiltshire Council

Children's Select Committee

17 April 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 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.

Finally, it is important to note that it was resolved at [6 February 2018](#) CSC that Cllr Cape act as an observer and not participate in discussion or recommendations made where Oxford Health are either in attendance or providing evidence. However, after further consideration of Cllr Cape's role with Oxford Health, it is regarded that she would not be prejudiced in any way – both in her employment and as a task group member. Thus, it is felt that the mention of Cllr Cape's work with Oxford Health is purely in the interests of transparency and should not limit her role within the CAMHS task group.

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:

That Children's Select Committee endorse that:

- i. Cllr Clare Cape remains on the CAMHS task group as a full member**
- ii. The CAMHS Task Group continues as a 4-membership task group, as Cllr Hayley Spencer has stepped down from the group.**

2. SEND School Provision Task Group

Membership:

Cllr Jon Hubbard (Chair)
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:

Since the last meeting of Children's Select the task group has met with Wiltshire Council officers to receive information on their consideration of the proposals from the SEND schools. The task group also held the following meetings:

- On 19th February the task group met the Head and Deputy Head Teachers of Springfields Academy to discuss the future provision of SEND education.
- On 23rd February received a detailed briefing at Downlands School regarding the combined SEND school proposal submitted by them.
- On 28th February the task group met again with Wiltshire Council officers to receive information regarding their responses to the proposals from the combined SEND school proposal.

The task group is now in the process of compiling its final report and requesting further information to submit its report alongside the SEND School Provision item to be received by Cabinet on 15th May 2018.

3. Children in Care Leavers Rapid Scrutiny Exercise

Membership:

Cllr Chris Devine (lead)
Cllr George Jeans
Cllr Melody Thompson
Cllr Mary Champion

Supporting Officer: Adam Brown

Recent Activity:

The rapid scrutiny will be meeting on one more occasion to consider further information on the Care Leaver's Local Offer. Their report will be presented to this committee in June.

4. Traded Services for Schools and Outdoor Education Task Group

Membership:

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

Supporting Officer: Marie Gondlach

Recent Activity:

The interim report of this task group regarding Outdoor Education was considered by Cabinet on 27th March and Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 10th April. It is included in this agenda for reference.

Proposals

- 1. To note the update on task group activity provided.**
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