

## Wiltshire Council

### Children's Select Committee

19 June 2018

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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. 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 task group met on 16 May 2018 and received evidence in the form of a presentation from James Fortune, Lead Commissioner and Michelle Maguire, Oxford Health. Discussion centred on the improving provision for 0-5 year olds

and also 0-5 year olds with autism and it was detailed that this is a national issue, however, Health Visitors have a key role to play here.

The meeting also discussed the national crisis around the shortage of in-patient beds and the task group were updated that there is a low rate of admission for in-patient beds in Wiltshire, however, this responsibility does lie with NHS England and not the CCG.

The task group also raised the “one door access” design of the re-commissioned CAMHS model and how this functions when there are a host of agencies involved in different aspects of CAMHS. Different sections of the re-commissioned model will become live at different times, however, the first change was implemented on 1 April 2018.

The task group are next meeting on 19 June to conduct interviews. Work is currently being done to coordinate these interviews and the task group are looking to speak to pupils and teachers (including those from ‘Thrive Hub’ schools), GPs, CAMHS clinicians and the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council.

## **2. 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

### 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).

### Recent Activity:

The task group has not met since the last Children's Select Committee but is scheduled to meet on 20 June 2018. It was planned for this meeting to focus on Traded Services but a report on Outdoor Education to Cabinet on 12 June is seeking approval for a market testing process as there has been interest from charitable and private service providers in both Oxenwood and Braeside; therefore it is likely the task group will ascertain the benefits of further scrutiny regarding the market testing process at its meeting on 20 June, pending Cabinet decision on 12 June.

### **Proposals**

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