

REPORT TO: Children, Young People & Families PPB

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SUBJECT: Update of review of children's emotional health and well-being services

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide an update to SMT regarding the Children's Emotional and Mental Health and Wellbeing Review.

2.0 RECOMMENDED that

- (i) A comprehensive CAMHS Partnership Board is established which is chaired by a Senior Member of the CCG

3.0 Supporting Information

3.1 The Commissioning Partnership have agreed to prioritise children's emotional health and mental wellbeing. The CCG, Public Health and the Local Authority are working together to help develop a comprehensive emotional health and mental wellbeing provision across the Borough.

3.2 A children's emotional health and mental well-being event was held on the 10th July in Widnes. A wide number of stakeholders attended the event which included parents, professionals and Members.

3.2 Attached are the findings from the event that the stakeholders identified as areas for development for the purpose of this project. The stakeholders who attended the event proposed that a Partnership Board was required to take this work forward.

3.3 The findings have been circulated to the attendees and some quick wins have been established and prioritised. These include the development of a children's emotional health and mental well-being service directory guide. This is web based linked to the Living Life Well web site.

3.4 The Public Health team have developed a comprehensive needs analysis which when combined with the stakeholder event provides an excellent

range of qualitative and quantitative evidence that supports this piece of work.

- 3.5 Children's emotional health and mental wellbeing is everybody's business. As a consequence it is essential that the comprehensive CAMHS Partnership Board has wide representation to ensure wide system engagement in to the board.
- 3.6 The proposed Board is required to ensure that all agencies are working together to support this topic. The importance of multi-agency working at a strategic and operational level cannot be underestimated and services and agencies will all need to work together and cooperate to ensure the best positive outcomes are achieved for children and young people.
- 3.6 The Board will be responsible for the development of a comprehensive CAMHS provision across the borough. The Board will be accountable to the commissioning partnership and the Health and Well Being Board. The Board will be responsible for the following aspects of service development:
 - Networking and developing best practice and shared pathways
 - Service redesign and retendering opportunities (Budget Management)
 - Workforce development
- 3.7 Draft terms of reference have been developed and are awaiting approval at the first Partnership meeting.
- 3.8 With Children and Young People's being a Commissioning Partnership Priority it is suggested that the leadership of the Board is a pivotal role and therefore Gill Frame (Clinical Lead for Children's Services CCG) is ideally placed to Chair the Board.
- 3.9 Once the Board has been established there may be the development of task and finish groups established to develop good practice and to work on designated pieces of work.
- 3.10 A Young Person's Focus Group has been established and an initial consultation event has been completed where young people were able to feedback their issues and concerns with the current system.
- 3.11 Further updates will be provided to Children's commissioning Partnership, PPB and SMT.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This work stream is being developed in conjunction with the revised Mental Health Policy and Health and Well Being work.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None at this time

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

Children's emotional and mental health is a Children's Trust Priority.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

Employment, learning and skills opportunities are influenced by the emotional health and well being services and it is envisaged this work will have a positive impact.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

The services support people to improve their mental health and wellbeing. Issues outlined in this report focus directly on this priority.

6.4 A Safer Halton

The services provide support to vulnerable children, young people and families to assist them to access appropriate service provision within their local communities. This links to satisfaction with services and overall perception of the area in which people live. Issues outlined in this report focus directly on this priority.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

Failure to agree and implement this work in an integrated approach will have a negative impact upon the achievement of priority outcomes agreed by Halton Children's Trust and the Halton Health and Wellbeing Board.

The review will lead to the development of an integrated service that would most accurately and effectively meet local needs.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 The services specified within this report relate to the needs of individuals and families with protected characteristics as defined within the Equality Act 2010.