

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....25th October 2007

1. Title of Item/Report

Scrutiny Review of Corporate Parenting

2. Record of the Decision

Members considered a report prepared by the Children and Young People Select Committee following the second stage of its review of Corporate Parenting.

It was explained that the first stage of the review had dealt with issues about the Corporate Parenting strategy whilst the second report examined partnership working in order to assist the preparation and response to the Joint Area Review and Comprehensive Performance Assessment process.

The Committee found that joint funded posts between Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and North Tees PCT were not only enabling closer working arrangements and greater understanding of the different organisations but also areas of pooled resources.

It was recognised that there would always be a small cohort of children and young people who, for a variety of reasons were reluctant to see a health professional or dentist. Work was ongoing to find ways of being more creative with the provision of health care especially with older looked after children as a proportion were reluctant to attend appointments.

Members were assured that the mental health of looked after children was being dealt with by the services of the Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys Mental Health Trust (TEWV) with a specific ring-fenced designated service.

RESOLVED that

1. the PCT be requested to make every effort to recruit a male health worker to increase the choice/options for young men in order to increase the number of annual health assessments taken.

2. appropriate partnerships identify Looked After Children as a specific group within their monitoring and reporting of Be Healthy initiatives (e.g. Teenage Pregnancy Strategy, Obesity Strategy, Substance Misuse initiatives).

3. the Council and the PCT be required to continue the high level of partnership arrangements and extend this to all necessary agencies.

3. Reasons for the Decision

In order to further assist the development the Corporate Parenting strategy and help meet the health needs of looked after children.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

None

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

By no later than midnight on Friday 2nd November 2007

Proper Officer  
29 October 2007