

# **Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Commissioning Group**

A meeting of Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Commissioning Group was held on Wednesday, 1st July, 2015.

**Present:** Sarah Bowman-Abouna, Diane McConnell, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Shaun McLurg, Emma Thomas (substitute for Louise Okello)

**Officers:** Jackie Ward, Dave Smith

**Also in attendance:**

**Apologies:** Peter Kelly, Emma Champley, Kate Birkenhead, Gordon Lang, Louise Okello, Simon Willson

## **1 Appointment of Chair for the meeting.**

RESOLVED that Sarah Bowman-Abouna be appointed Chair for this meeting.

## **2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **3 Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2015.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2015 were confirmed as a correct record.

## **4 DfE Adoption Support Fund**

Members were provided with a report that had previously been presented to Children and Young People's Management Team and it updated the Group on the Adoption Support Fund (ASF) and the proposals for the successful implementation.

Members noted that the Council could apply to the £19.3 million ASF on any case where an assessment was undertaken and therapeutic service need was identified. The Council would be making application on this basis, but, going forward, it would need to ensure that it was able to respond to requests for adoption support assessments and make referrals to the Adoption Support Fund. Members were provided with details of areas that needed developing in this regard, and the progress that was being made.

It was noted that work included identifying potential providers of therapeutic services on a Teeswide basis. Social workers would carry out assessments but would consult with specialists. It was suggested that expert advice may already be available via the CAMHS contract and this would be looked into and formalised.

RESOLVED that

1. the report and discussion be noted.
2. consider whether specialist advice could be accessed via the CAMHS

contract.

## **5 Commissioning of accommodation and support for care leavers and homeless young people**

Members considered a report that provided an overview of the work which was taking place relating to the commissioning of accommodation and support for care leavers and homeless young people. It was explained that a number of reports had been considered by Corporate Management Team on this issue.

It was noted that the range of quality and standards of accommodation commissioned was variable and capacity was also limited.

A number of work streams were ongoing in relation to these matters.

- Additional capacity was being recruited to the social work resource team to extend the current Supported Lodgings and Staying Put schemes.
- Buildings work was planned to provide the annexe to the existing children's home at Piper House.
- Agreement had been reached with the providers of the services at Parkfield (Endeavour Housing) and Fairways (13 Group) to review and refine the current service agreements and protocols and operational staff are current working with the provider regarding the more challenging client group.
- Communication processes and information packs were being planned to engage the non contracted housing providers. This process would be risk managed and those providers currently being used for housing and support to young people on behalf of CESC would be targeted as a priority to ensure the ongoing safety and well being of those young people who were residing in their premises.
- With regard to the commissioning exercise which needed to be undertaken to retender the Parkfield and Fairways services and the securement of additional units of accommodation, a full tender plans was being developed. This plan would need to run in conjunction with the work being undertaken by the Adult Strategy Team who had a planned review programme of all Housing related Support Services.

The tender plan which was being developed in conjunction with SBC procurement for young people's housing and support would need to consider a number of issues and a Scoping Record and Project timeline was provided to members.

Members agreed the Housing support didn't have to just relate to children and could be linked with Adults. This could be considered at the Adults' Health and Wellbeing Commissioning Group.

Further reports would be made to this Group.

RESOLVED that:

1. the report and ways forward on the development of the services be approved.
2. the issue be discussed at the Adults Health and Wellbeing Commissioning Group.

## **6 CSE Action Plan**

An Action Plan relating to the Council's Review of Child sexual Exploitation was circulated and it was noted that the following recommendations had been detailed as the responsibility of this Group:

...3. Consideration be given to developing early support services for children at risk of CSE as part of the Early Help Strategy and Implementation Plan.

4. The Health and Wellbeing Board be asked to consider and commission appropriate prioritised services for children at risk of CSE.

5. Awareness raising activities be developed for children and young people in respect of social media and healthy relationships as well as work with parents and via schools.

With regard to recommendation 3 and 4 it was accepted that this was a new area on the JSNA and therefore data was a little light. This may need to be strengthened to better inform commissioning. This recommendation had been flagged with the Safeguarding Board, so it could feed in.

For recommendation 5 it was noted that the Risk Taking Toolkit was being updated and would be taken into Primaries.

Consideration of the measures of success needed to be considered outside this meeting.

An update on progress would be provided at the September meeting.

RESOLVED that updates be provided to future meetings

## **7 Forward Plan**

The Forward Plan was considered.

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan be agreed.

## **8 CAMHS**

It was agreed that this item would be considered as an additional item given the deadlines associated with it.

Members were reminded of the Children and Young People's Mental Health Taskforce's report 'Future in Mind'. The report included actions relating to CAMHS and the establishment of named links within schools. It was explained that NHS England and the Department for Education had invited proposals from CCGs, working with partners, to apply to become a pilot to improve joint working

between school settings and child and adolescent mental health services (local NHS funded CAMHS). Grants of up to £50,000 were available per CCG taking part in the pilot. CCGs would be required to match fund this amount. Up to £3,500 was also available to each school taking part in the pilot. Expressions of interest were required by 31st July 2015.

RESOLVED that the information be noted and the submission of an expression of interest application, by the CCG, be supported.