



Report of the Cabinet Members for Children's Services

Child and Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel – 28th October
2019

Update Report on the Partnership Work with Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide an overview of the progress being made regarding our partnership work with the CAMHS Service
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This report includes a summary of current partnership arrangements and key areas of development between the local authority, CAMHS and key partners.
Councillors are being asked to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give their views on the current progress being made Consider the report as part of the CAMHS Inquiry Panel
Lead Councillor(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet Members for Child and Family Services - Cllr Elliot King and Cllr Sam Pritchard
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1. There are considerable changes taking place across Emotional Health and Wellbeing Services for Children and Young People. The local authority is working in partnership with Swansea Bay University Health Board via a number of partnership groups to ensure that CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) and our wider local authority services are working together as effectively as possible. This report aims to give a brief oversight of the various groups that are working on these developments and highlights of the key areas of development.

1.1 As there are a number of different groups involved in this area of work, only key areas of development have been highlighted for the purpose of this report. Full terms of reference for the groups are available.

2. The Children and Young People's Emotional and Mental Health Planning Group is a regional group led by Swansea Bay University Health Board's Directorate of Strategy.

2.1 Key areas of joint development by this group:

- Agreed a joint vision and strategic action plan
- Provide ongoing joint scrutiny of the performance of the Regional CAMHS Service.
- Jointly delegate and direct the work of the sub groups

3. The CAMHS Prevention and Wellbeing Sub Group is a regional group led by Swansea Bay University Health Board's Directorate of Strategy and feeds into the Children and Young People's Emotional and Mental Health Planning Group.

3.1 Key areas of joint development by this group:

- Agreed the alignment of a new Primary CAMHS Liaison Role to sit within Swansea's IIAA (Integrated Information, Advice and Assistance) Team within Child and Family Services.
- Agreed the alignment of a new Primary CAMHS School's Liaison Role to work across Primary and Secondary schools in Swansea.
- Agreed the alignment of 3 new Emotional Health and Wellbeing Workers (primary age focussed) funded via health and sat in Primary CAMHS, to be aligned within the proposed Early Help Hub Structure in Child and Family Services
- Agreed the alignment of 5.5 new Emotional Health and Wellbeing Workers (secondary age focussed), funded by the WG Youth Work Grant, to sit within the proposed Early Help Hub Structure in Child and Family Services
- Agreed that all of the above roles will have a monthly group supervision and development session led by Primary CAMHS.

- Agreed that all of the Emotional Health Roles will be supported by a joint programme of training and professional development.
- Agreed that direct pathways of support will be developed between the new Emotional Health Roles into Primary and Secondary CAMHS.
- Agreed that the timeline for the implementation for all of the above will be by March 2020.
- Agreed that the group will explore the potential for a regional website enabling children, young people, parents, carers and professionals to understand the services and pathways of support that are available to them across the region.

4. The CAMHS Service Model Task and Finish Group is a regional group led by Swansea Bay University Health Board's Directorate of Strategy and feeds into Children and Young People's Emotional and Mental Health Planning Group.

4.1 Key areas of joint development by this group:

- Part of the vision for the regional CAMHS service involves the development of a new hub and spoke model of delivery. The proposed location for the main hub and single point of entry into the service will be located in the Neath Port Talbot Hospital Site.
- To ensure effective access to face to face services for Swansea patients, the group have been developing a proposal for the location of a 'spoke' in Swansea.
- The current agreed proposal is for Swansea clinics to move from their existing site in Cefn Coed to a new 'spoke' site on the Kingsway in Swansea, with GP Surgeries providing additional capacity.
- The agreed proposal is that this will be the building next to Info-Nation on the Kingsway and will allow greater integration, support and pathways with local authority services and third sector partners.

5. The Emotional and Psychological Wellbeing Group is a Swansea focussed group led by the Commissioning Hub. It feeds into the Children and Young People's Emotional and Mental Health Planning Group and Swansea's Getting it Right for Every Child (GREC) Group.

5.1 Key areas of joint development by this group:

- Provide scrutiny of the Counselling Service contract and performance
- Undertake a mapping of all Mental Health and Wellbeing Services and pathways in Swansea and ensure the fit of new developments
- Feed into the Commissioning of Mental Health and Wellbeing Services in Swansea
- Identify any gaps in provision and feed into the ongoing development of the regional vision.