

COMMISSIONING SUB-GROUP REPORT

Summary of Key Issues:

- Members are asked to note progress in key priority areas particularly children with severe conduct disorder and teenage pregnancy.
- Members are asked to agree the recommendation that a reconstituted CAMHS Strategy Group is established to lead on implementing the key recommendations from the national CAMHS review.
- Members are asked to agree that the joint Housing Support Strategy is presented to the meeting in May.

Autistic Spectrum Disorder Pathway

Work now underway to develop a service model that integrates specialist health ASD provision with specialist Learning Disability and CAMHS provision.

Early Intervention For Severe Conduct Disorder

A six month pilot is underway using a new local identification tool with pre-school and Key Stage 1 children at risk of developing severe and enduring conduct disorders in adolescence. The pilot will test whether it is possible to identify and intervene earlier by providing intensive evidence based support such as parenting programmes and a range of therapeutic interventions. The pilot project will report in June 2009.

Teenage Pregnancy

Specialist support in SRE (Sex and Relationships Education) targeted at 'hotspot schools' in Banbury and Oxford has now been commissioned. Work is underway to agree with Colleges of Further Education additional on-site sexual health services with effect from September 2009. A new specification for providing all girls under 18years with the option of access to termination locally (Oxford or Banbury) is now agreed with implementation from 1st April 2009.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

The national CAMHS review was published in November and makes some challenging recommendations about how services at local level need strengthening. In particular there are challenges for Oxfordshire in robust joint commissioning of services in secure settings, in ensuring there are appropriate services for 'young adults' and clear transition planning into adult services and in making sure we have in place a full range of services to support emotional and psychological well-being. It is proposed that a reconstituted CAMHS Strategy Group develops a strategy (that will be set out in the Children and Young People's Plan) to ensure the delivery of a full range of services across the spectrum of need. Subsequent commissioning intentions will be agreed through the commissioning sub-group to this Trust Board.

A full copy of the national review is available in Papers for Information and at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ocrypt

Dental Services

The Strategic Commissioning Framework for Dental Services identifies key ways of improving children's access to NHS dental care, including targeted provision for vulnerable children. (Further details available on web page under Papers for Information November 2008).

Housing Support

Housing and related support for care leavers, vulnerable young people and teenage parents is commissioned by the Children, Young People and Families Directorate and the Supporting People Partnership. Both have identified a need to improve the quality, effectiveness and value for money of these services. Agreement has been reached to develop a joint strategy, in partnership with District Councils for young people's housing and related support, with new services commissioned by April 2010. A project manager will be appointed to lead this work. The procurement strategy will be presented to the Trust in May.

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