

COMMISSIONING SUB-GROUP REPORT

Summary of Key Issues:

- Members are asked to note that notice has been served on Oxfordshire Learning Disability Trust for the provision of specialist health services. The aim is to work with stakeholders to agree and procure a new 24/7 integrated service to begin on 1 April 2010.
- Members are asked to agree the work programmes planned around integrating therapy services provision and around substance misuse.
- Members are asked to note the progress that has been made over the last year in addressing gaps in provision of parenting programmes across Oxfordshire.

Specialist Services for Children with Complex Learning Disabilities

The PCT has now served notice on the service provided by Oxfordshire Learning Disability Trust (OLDT) with effect from 1 April 2010. Children will continue to receive existing services throughout 2009/10. A Project Group has been established to manage the public consultation (including specific work with existing parents and children who use the service). This consultation will inform the development of a new service specification and a full procurement process will lead to award of the new contract with effect from 1 April 2010. The aim is to provide integrated, comprehensive specialist health services for all children with learning disabilities.

Therapy Services

The sub-group agreed a programme of work to look at integrating the way in which therapy services are commissioned across the Council and PCT. The aim is to ensure that all children and young people receive the therapy they require in the most appropriate setting. The work programme will report in September 2009.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

There is now agreement to a revised CAMHS Advisory Group that will be responsible for auditing progress against the national review of CAMHS services. This Group will make recommendations for redesign and commissioning to the commissioning sub-group. A full report, including an audit of local provision against the national review will be presented to the Trust in July.

Substance Misuse

Contracts for the provision of early intervention services have now been rolled over into 2009/10. A Project Group will be established to develop a broad young people's substance misuse strategy that covers both drugs and alcohol and that builds on the key messages from the work with local children and young people. This will be presented to the Trust in December 2009.

Parenting Programmes

Following publication of the Parenting Education and Support Strategy in 2008, the team have now moved ahead to commission new programmes to meet the identified gaps in provision. There are now targeted programmes for parents of primary school aged children, secondary school aged children and children with disabilities. The effectiveness of the programmes are subject to robust national evaluation.

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