

Decision maker:	Cabinet member young people and children's wellbeing
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Title of report:	Executive response to the review of the provision of mental health services for children and young people in Herefordshire
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Classification

Open

Key decision

This is not a key decision.

Wards affected

Countywide

Purpose

To agree the executive response to the recommendations from the task and finish group review of mental health services for children and young people in Herefordshire.

Recommendation(s)

THAT:

- (a) **the responses to the health and social care overview and scrutiny committee's recommendations regarding the provision of mental health services for children and young people in Herefordshire, as attached at appendix 1 be considered and approved.**

Alternative options

1. None proposed; it is a statutory requirement to provide a response to the recommendations.

Reasons for recommendations

2. To provide a response to the recommendations from the health and social care overview and scrutiny committee.

Key considerations

3. Since the creation of the health scrutiny functions under the Health and Social Care Act 2001, local authority scrutiny committees have prioritised issues of health improvement, prevention and tackling health inequalities as areas where they can add value through their work. Local authorities and committees (including joint committees, sub-committees and other local authorities to which health scrutiny functions have been delegated) are enabled to make reports and recommendations to relevant NHS bodies and health service providers. Recommendations will therefore be made by scrutiny to the relevant commissioners of the services for response.
4. Where a local authority requests a response from the relevant NHS body or health service provider to which it has made a report or recommendation, there is a statutory requirement (Regulation 22 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, which are the regulations of the Health and Social Care Act 2001) for the body or provider to provide a response in writing within 28 days of the request.
5. The executive response recognises that some of the work was already under way or in planning by the CCG. However, the scrutiny function is exercising its legislative power to request a formal response from the relevant commissioner(s), and that response is for the CCG to determine within the 28 day timescale of the letter that will be sent following the cabinet member decision date.
6. The health and social care overview and scrutiny committee met on 28 April 2017 and reviewed the report from the task and finish group on the provision of mental health services for children and young people in Herefordshire as attached at appendix 2.
7. The committee made a number of recommendations; these are contained within appendix 1 along with the proposed responses.
8. Work is already underway and taking place, covering a number of the recommendations and an update on these is included within appendix 1.

Community impact

9. The provision of mental health services for children and young people in Herefordshire is an important and integral part of Herefordshire's communities and having provision within the county supports the growth and development of children and young people.

Equality duty

10. The proposed responses ensure that the council pay due regard to its public sector equality in the exercise of its functions, having due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the act.
11. We do this by ensuring that we advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and ensure that we foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Financial implications

12. There are no cost implications to these recommendations.

Legal implications

13. The recommendations of the Task and Finish Group should be referred to the Cabinet and / or appropriate partner organisations to enable them to consider the recommendations.

Risk management

14. There are no risks associated with agreeing the content of this report as the recommendations provide information and indicate how the work is being taken forward. Risks associated with the actual activity are managed through the children's wellbeing directorate risk register and where necessary are escalated to the council's corporate risk register.

Consultees

15. None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Summary of recommendations and executive responses to the review of provision of mental health services for children and young people

Appendix 2 – Review of provision of mental health services for children and young people in Herefordshire task and finish group report

Background papers

- None identified