

Meeting:	Children and young people scrutiny committee
Meeting date:	4 December 2017
Title of report:	Children and young people Mental Health Partnership
Report by:	Democratic Services

Classification

Open

Key decision

This is not an executive decision.

Wards affected

Countywide

Purpose

To receive a presentation from the Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) children and young people mental health partnership and a response from the CCG to the recommendations arising from the task and finish group on Mental Health Services for Children and Young People.

Recommendation(s)

THAT:

- (a) the committee receives the presentation from the Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) Children and Young People Mental Health Partnership and provides comments and queries on the work of the partnership ; and**

- (b) the committee considers and provides comment on the actions proposed by the CCG in response to the recommendations of the Children's Mental Health task and finish group.**

Alternative options

None. It is open to the committee to review the report and determine whether it wishes to make any recommendations.

Reasons for recommendations

The committee is responsible for statutory health scrutiny powers including the review and scrutiny of any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services for children and young people and to make reports and recommendations on these matters. This report and its recommendation enable the committee to fulfil its function.

Key considerations

- 1 The CCG's children and young people mental health partnership is a partnership group made up of local organisations with an interest in and responsibility for the provision of mental health services for children and young people. The committee will receive the presentation in appendix 1 which sets out the role and work of the partnership.
- 2 In April 2017 a scrutiny task and finish group (T&FG), which focused on the provision of mental health services for children and young people in Herefordshire, reported its conclusions and recommendations to the then Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The final report of the T&FG is attached as appendix 2.
- 3 The outcomes of the T&FG were considered by the executive at Herefordshire council and its response is provided as appendix 3. The response identifies Herefordshire CCG as the lead commissioning agency for children's mental health issues and provides detail of those areas where the council is undertaking actions that will assist in responses to the recommendations.
- 4 Following the response of the executive, the Chairman of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee (which took over responsibility for the scrutiny of children's health services following the disbandment of the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee) wrote to the Accountable Officer at NHS Herefordshire CCG, on 30 October, to request a response to the recommendations of the T&FG. A copy of this letter is contained in appendix 4. The response from the CCG is contained in appendix 5. The CYP MH transformation plan of the CCG is also attached at appendix 6 as background.

Community impact

- 5 The committee's considerations should have regard to what matters to residents of Herefordshire. Further consideration should be paid to how the work undertaken by the council, which complements those proposals forming the response of the CCG, will impact upon local residents and the communities in which they live.

Equality duty

- 6 The committee's considerations must have regard to equality issues in view of the public sector equality "general duty" to:
 - eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct ... prohibited by or under this Act;
 - advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected

characteristic and persons who do not share it.

- 7 The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires the council to consider how it can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that it is paying 'due regard' in decision making for the design of policies and the delivery of services.

Financial implications

- 8 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The cost of any resulting committee work will be subject to assessment and expected to be met within existing resources.

Legal implications

- 9 The council is required to deliver a scrutiny function. The council is under a legal duty to provide an overview and scrutiny function in accordance with Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
- 10 The remit of scrutiny committees is set out in Part 3 Section 4 of the constitution. Paragraph 2.6.7 provides that scrutiny committees have the power to scrutinise the services provided by organisations outside the council eg NHS services, under the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.
- 11 Scrutiny functions are outlined in Part 3 Section 4 paragraph 3.4.1 of the constitution, including at paragraph 3.4.2(g) the power to review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in its area and make reports and recommendations to a responsible person on any matter it has reviewed or scrutinised or to be consulted by a relevant NHS body or health service provider in accordance with the Regulations (2013/218) as amended. In this regard health service includes services designed to secure improvement —
- (i) in the physical and mental health of the people of England,
 - (ii) in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of physical and mental illness
 - (iii) And any services provided in pursuance of arrangements under section 75 in relation to the exercise of health-related functions of a local authority.

Risk management

- 12 There is a reputational risk to the council if the scrutiny function does not operate effectively. Detail regarding the risk management implications arising from the proposal is set out in the attached draft report.

Consultees

- 13 None in relation to the recommendations.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Presentation relating to the Children and Young People Mental Health Partnership

Further information on the subject of this report is available from
Matthew Evans on Tel (01432) 383690

Appendix 2 – Report of scrutiny T&FG on the provision of mental health services for children and young people in Herefordshire

Appendix 3 – Response of Herefordshire Council's executive to the T&FG report

Appendix 4 – Correspondence from Chairman of Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee to the CCG

Appendix 5 – Response of NHS Herefordshire CCG to the T&FG recommendations

Appendix 6 – CYP MH Transformation Plan (refreshed 2017) – CCG

Background papers

None identified.