

Summary of Recommendations for Mental Health Services for Children and Young People

Response from Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group

Recommendation No. 1	<p>Information and support</p> <p>That the ‘local offer’ of emotional wellbeing and mental health support be defined and publicised in terms of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 the sources of information and services available 2 the training provided to practitioners and parents and carers to be coordinated, consistent and approved 3 active and assertive awareness-raising 4 assessing the scope for developing a deeper professional reach by 2gether into the lower tiers in order to support processes which would help to consistently deliver appropriate referrals
Action	Refer the recommendation to the Herefordshire Children and Young People’s Mental Health and Wellbeing Partnership to align with emerging priorities for the new CYPP plan and to consider effective actions to include in the Herefordshire Children and Young People’s Mental Health and Wellbeing Transformation Plan.
HCCG Response	<p>This has been considered by the CYP MH Partnership and will involve a number of agencies supporting the improvement round information and support. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to WISH • Targeted information to schools • Public health campaign on the 5 steps to wellbeing. <p>At present, there is no further investment available to extend community CAMHS to support practitioners beyond that outlined in the response to recommendation 2.</p>

Recommendation No. 2	<p>Tier 1 and tier 2</p> <p>That consideration be given to provision of additional telephone support for practitioners, which could be provided via the “deeper reach” from 2gether as referred to in the report.</p>
Action	Through the existing joint commissioning arrangements, Herefordshire Council and Herefordshire CCG should explore the opportunities to develop a telephone support line for local practitioners.
HCCG Response	<p>This has been considered by the CYP MH Partnership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community CAMHS service has a duty service with a

	<p>telephone line for practitioners to talk through presentations and concerns before making a referral. This has been widely communicated to referrers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In addition, the transformation plan contains intentions round workforce development. This is hoped to increase confidence levels of practitioners and improve communication on local resources and sources of support. CAMHs staff take part in delivering training to other agencies, as well as multi-agency training opportunities.
--	--

Recommendation No. 3	<p>Tiers 3, 4, 3.5 and inpatient care That there be a review of the proposals in the STP regarding opportunities for bringing care closer to home, and the development of inpatient care based on a tier 3.5 model.</p>
Action	<p>Seek assurance that this work is in place through the STP; and progress is reported as part of the STP.</p>
HCCG Response	<p>The provision of improved access to inpatient beds and alternatives to admission form part of the STP mental health priority workstream. This is also reflected in the Herefordshire Children and Young People’s Mental Health and Wellbeing Transformation Plan.</p>

Recommendation No. 4	<p>Accommodation That there be a review of the benefits of having co-located teams based in a child friendly and therapeutic setting.</p>
Action	<p>Task and finish group set up to explore potential service models and estates; with advice from the Herefordshire Children and Young People’s Mental Health and Wellbeing Partnership</p>
HCCG Response	<p>This has the support of the CYP MH Partnership and has been communicated by the HCCG to the One Herefordshire Estates Group for consideration.</p>

Recommendation No. 5	<p>Mental health needs assessment That needs are updated regularly to recognise emerging pressures, including a review of the support provided for young people up to the age of 25, which would align with other children’s services.</p>
Action	<p>Refer the recommendation to the Herefordshire Children and Young People’s Mental Health and Wellbeing Partnership to align with emerging priorities for the new CYPP plan and to consider effective actions to include in the Herefordshire Children and Young People’s Mental Health and Wellbeing Transformation Plan.</p>
HCCG Response	<p>The Herefordshire Children and Young People’s Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Transformation Plan has been refreshed</p>

	<p>in October 2017. This includes a section on an updated needs assessment. This will be updates annually as part of the refresh process.</p>
--	---

	<p>In 2017/18, the CCG is consulting with stakeholders to inform an options appraisal round the configuration of services and this includes commissioning community mental health provision from 0-25 years old.</p>
--	--