

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of The Success for All Children Group to Health and Wellbeing Board

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Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services

1. Purpose of Report

To inform the Board of the progress made by the pan Essex project group to re-commission child and adolescent mental health services.

To seek the Board's views on the draft new service model for emotional health and well-being services for children and young people.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Board endorse the proposed new service model.

3. Background

3.1 Across Southend, Essex and Thurrock partners have been engaged since 2011 in reviewing the response to children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health needs. Commissioners, providers and wider stakeholders including users have recognised for some time that the current model of emotional wellbeing and mental health provision for children, young people, their families and carers is not providing sufficient integration. Consultations with partners, children and young people and their parents/carers during 2011, 2012 and 2013 focused on the experience of CAMHS Tier 2 and Tier 3 and what a good service would consist of. The key emerging themes were:

- Supporting parents/carers and the whole family
- Having local or community based services and engaging with young people
- Improved access to support, advice with quick and easy access/referral to appropriate services.
- Workforce training (including universal staff)

3.2 The independent Joint Strategic Needs Assessment of Child and Adolescent Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health (JSNA EWMH) completed in summer 2013 concluded that there is no overall coherent integrated strategy within which services are commissioned and there is a complex, fragmented and

poorly understood and accessed set of services in place. The Health and Social Care reforms together with the current financial climate have given added impetus for an integrated commissioning approach. A desk top analysis of good practice was also undertaken.

- 3.3 The three Local Authorities (Southend, Essex and Thurrock), the seven Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), current providers and a wide range of stakeholders have been working in partnership during 2013 to develop a service model that integrates the Tier 2 and Tier 3 Services (which are currently separate), reflects good practice and addresses the gaps and approaches identified in these consultations and the JSNA EWMH. The model which has been agreed in principle is set out in appendix 1.
- 3.4 The Success for All Children Group approved the model at their January meeting and requested regular updates as the project progresses.

4. Next steps

- 4.1 The project group will continue to work to the timeline set out in appendix 2.

5. Corporate Implications

5.1 Contribution to Council's Vision and Critical Priorities:

- Continuing to improve outcomes for vulnerable children and
- Delivering targeted services that meet the identified need of the community

And to the Health and Wellbeing Ambitions:

- Positive Start in Life and
- Improving mental wellbeing

- 5.2 Financial Implications – The new service model will be funded from the budgets currently used to fund Tier 2 and 3 CAMHS services (Success for All Children Group and Southend CCG budgets)
- 5.3 Legal Implications – none
- 5.4 People Implications – TUPE will apply for staff in the exiting commissioned tier 2 & 3 services
- 5.5 Property Implications – none
- 5.6 Consultation – as outlined in appendix 1 and 2.
- 5.7 Equalities Impact Assessment – none
- 5.8 Risk Assessment – a risk register is being maintained as part of the project plan.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 There are no background papers

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix 1 – Southend, Essex and Thurrock Children and Young People Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Service Model
- 7.2 Appendix 2 - Presentation