

Policy and Scrutiny Scoping Document

Report CT&F/03/10

Committee	Health Overview and Scrutiny	
Topic	Child and Adolescent Mental Health	Ref: HOSC-SCR-02
Objective	To continue to review the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) with the reconvened Task and Finish Group.	
Reasons for undertaking review	<p>A previous Group produced an interim report, setting out recommendations which were accepted by HOSC. As time constraints had precluded that Group from concluding its work, one of its recommendations was for a successor group to be appointed and given sufficient time and opportunity to –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gather evidence from a wider range of witnesses ▪ Understand service users' perspective of evidence ▪ Monitor delivery and impact of the funding identified within the business case ▪ Continue and further scrutinise the service area 	
Topic suggested by	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC)	
Method <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial briefing to define scope • Task & Finish Group • Commission • Full Committee 	Task and Finish Group	
Membership <i>Only complete if Task and Finish Group or Commission</i>	Councillor Butland (Chairman), Councillor Baugh, Councillor Hutchon and Councillor Johnson	
Issues to be addressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitor the implementation of the recommendations in the interim report ▪ Monitor the delivery against and impact of the Business Case to support the delivery of a Comprehensive Tier 2 and Tier 3 CAMHS Service including any amendments to the Business Case in the light of the BCFPI pilot ▪ To take evidence from current and previous service users. ▪ The performance of MAGs (investments and their relationship with GPs) investments 	

Sources of Evidence and witnesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr John Tuppen and other GPs involved in the BCFPI pilot ▪ Sample of previous and present users of the CAMHS service ▪ Secondary School Teachers ▪ ECC CSF officers and Director of Public Health ▪ PCT leads ▪ Service providers ▪ Mental health representative groups 		
Work Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meeting 1 – Briefing meeting for the reconvened CAMHS Task and Finish Group ▪ Meeting 2 – Meeting with Basildon or Colchester Multi Agency Group ▪ Meeting 3 – Update on BCFPI ▪ Meeting 4 - Evidence from service users/representative groups ▪ Meeting 5 - Identification of findings & recommendations ▪ Meeting 6 - consider draft report 		
Indicators of Success	The Group will identify that the current practices in place are satisfactory, make recommendations for improvement or identify further areas of investigation.		
Meeting the CfPS Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Critical Friend Challenge to Executive</i> • <i>Reflect Public voice and concerns</i> • <i>Own the scrutiny process</i> • <i>Impact on service delivery</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reviewing the access service users have to CAMHS will help make ECC an exemplary authority. This will also strengthen its relationship with service users and other agencies involved with CAMHS. ▪ There are approximately 253,000 children over the age of five years old in Essex. At least 10% of these have a diagnosable mental health disorder. It is essential; therefore, that the service is reviewed to ensure it provides an adequate service for these young people. ▪ Members will be seen to have examined the adequacy of the Council's ability to assist young people with mental health disorders. ▪ There will either be recognition that service delivery is acceptable or gaps identified and recommendations developed to improve services. 		
Date agreed by Committee			
Future Action			
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