

Meeting: CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD	Date: 14 March 2013	Agenda Item No: 7
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TITLE OF PAPER: CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

SUMMARY OF PAPER:

Children and young people's emotional and mental health is a key priority for the children's services partnership in Barnet and continuing to improve in this area is a key action within the emerging Children and Young People's Plan (2013-16). All agencies working with children and young people have a responsibility to meet their emotional and mental health needs, with LBB and NHS Barnet CCG having particular roles as local commissioners. A local strategic plan is therefore required to ensure that there is an agreed, shared vision and collective resources are used as effectively as possible to realise it.

Purpose

The current CAMHS Strategy runs until the end of March 2013, and there have been many significant developments since it was developed in 2009. A new strategic plan has therefore been developed to meet local planning needs from April 2013.

Details

1. The Children and Young People's Mental Health Strategic Action Plan will be a distinct workstream under the Inclusion Strategy, which in turn sits below the Children and Young People's Plan.
2. A significant stakeholder engagement exercise was completed in autumn 2012. Particular attention has been paid to engaging with VCS organisations, with discussions at the CYPNet forum in September and November 2012.
3. Parents have been engaged in the developing priorities via the PP4danBarnet group.
4. Children and young people's voices have been heard through specific sessions with the Barnet Youth Board, Barnet Refugee Group and members of the CAMHS service user group. Consultation activity carried out by the Role Model Army and YouthShield has also been factored into the development of the strategy.
5. Draft priorities were discussed with contracted providers at specific meetings in December and January.
6. Draft priorities were presented to EMG at its December meeting, where the broad direction of travel was endorsed, and the February 2013 meeting of EMG approved the detailed action plan.
7. The Strategic Action Plan focuses on five key priorities:
 - Mentally healthy schools
 - Emotionally resilient communities
 - Getting it right for vulnerable groups
 - The children's partnership working together to promote mental health

- Effective commissioning arrangements
8. A detailed implementation plan is attached.
 9. Implementation will be overseen by the CAMHS Core Group, which includes representation from the Local Authority, commissioned providers and the voluntary and community sector.
 10. An update from the CAMHS Core Group is a standing agenda item at EMG meetings to ensure that progress is made and any barriers are identified and managed.

ACTION REQUIRED BY BOARD:

The Children's Trust Board is recommended to endorse the CAMHS Strategic Plan.

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