

## Note of last Children & Young People Board meeting

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**Title:** Children & Young People Board  
**Date:** Thursday 12 October 2017  
**Venue:** Bayview Suite, 1st Floor, Bournemouth International Centre, Exeter Rd, Bournemouth BH2 5BH

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### Attendance

An attendance list is attached as **Appendix A** to this note

### Item Decisions and actions

#### 1 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 2 Bright Futures: Getting the Best for Children and Young People

The Chair expressed his gratitude to the Children's Social Care Task Group and welcomed the formal launch of Bright Futures: Getting the Best for Children and Young People.

Cllr Dick Madden, Chair of the Children's Social Care Task Group, introduced Bright Futures: Getting the Best for Children and Young People. Cllr Madden gave thanks to the officers involved in bringing this publication together. Cllr Madden emphasised that all the details and statistics in the report were evidenced based.

Members strongly endorsed the report, and agreed that it presents a powerful vision and message to central government on the actions required to drive sustained improvement across the sector.

#### 3 Update on LGA activities on CAMHS and Discussion on forthcoming green paper

Nasima Patel, National Children's Services Adviser, introduced a report setting out our key concerns about the CAMHS reforms, our work programme to help address these issues and an update on the forthcoming green paper. Members were asked to provide early views on areas they would want to focus on to help inform our submission.

In the discussion which followed, Members raised the following points;

- A concern was raised that there were limited options of partners available to commission outside of CAMHS.

- A view was expressed that online counselling and Thrive Hubs had proven to be extremely valuable.
- In response to a concern raised that mental health support for care leavers ceasing as they turn 18 was leading to a range of issues, Nasima explained that continued support until the age of 25 would be beneficial.
- A view was expressed that Kooth had provided effective support to young people and there had been very positive feedback on this service
- A concern was raised that children who were home educated did not have access to the necessary mental health support.
- Sharp, an anonymous self-support service for young people committing self-harm, was raised as extremely valuable in supporting young people.
- A concern was raised as to the disparity between how schools refer children to CAMHS.
- A Member raised a concern about the stress and anxiety caused by exams and how much of an impact this was having on young people's mental health.
- A Member brought the Board's attention to a self-referral service implemented in schools in Rochdale which had been co-designed with young people.

### **Decision**

Members considered and provided comments on the questions raised in sections 7 and 8 of the report.

### **Actions**

Officers to incorporate Members views into work on CAMHS going forward.

## **4 Minute of the Previous Meeting**

Members of the Children and Young People Board agreed the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Appendix A -Attendance**

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr Richard Watts	Islington Council
Vice-Chairman	Cllr Roy Perry	Hampshire County Council
Deputy-chairman	Cllr Lucy Nethsingha	Cambridgeshire County Council
	Cllr Gillian Ford	Havering London Borough Council
Members	Cllr Natasha Airey	Windsor & Maidenhead Royal Borough
	Cllr Susie Charles	Lancashire County Council
	Cllr Dick Madden	Essex County Council
	Cllr Laura Mayes	Wiltshire Council
	Cllr Megan Swift	Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
	Cllr David Mellen	Nottingham City Council
Apologies	Cllr Ryan Brent	Portsmouth City Council
	Cllr Matthew Golby	Northamptonshire County Council
	Cllr Roger Gough	Kent County Council
	Cllr John Kent	Thurrock Council
	Cllr Bob Cook	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
	Cllr Andy Moorhead	Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
	Cllr Anntoinette Bramble	Hackney London Borough Council
	Cllr Carl Cashman	Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council