

## **Children and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing project update**

### **Purpose of report**

For discussion.

### **Summary**

Isos partnerships have been commissioned by the LGA to undertake research to help the LGA better understand what is happening within children's mental health services from a local government perspective and to help the LGA articulate what a local-government view of how we can improve children and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing. Isos Partnership will be presenting on their research so far and their emerging conclusions and messages.

### **Recommendation**

That the Board reflect on the presentation by Isos Partnership and provide their own view and insight on the emerging information and messages to help in the development of the final report.

### **Action**

Officers will use the reflections, insights and comments provided by the Board to help develop the final report and determine the LGA's next steps.

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1. Earlier in the year, the Children and Young People's Board, the Community and Wellbeing Board and the Safer Stronger Communities Board agreed to a cross-board piece of work to better understand what is happening within children's mental health services from a local government perspective and to articulate what a local-government view of how we can improve children and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing. As a result the LGA set up a cross-board steering group to oversee the work and the LGA commissioned Isos Partnership to:
  - 1.1. help us better understand the funding landscape for children and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing
  - 1.2. identify what issues councils are experiencing in their support of children and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing
  - 1.3. identify examples of good council practice.
2. We also asked Isos Partnership to look at what role councils can, are and may play in supporting children and young people so they don't require escalation into CAMHS, for those who cannot access CAMHS and/or are waiting to access CAMHS, as well for children and young people with complex needs.
3. The Isos Partnership research will help form the next stage of LGA policy development in understanding and advocating the role of local government in children and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing.
4. Isos Partnership held two regional workshops in July and has been working with 8 councils across the country in more detail to better understand their experiences and their views on children's mental health and emotional wellbeing.
5. Members are asked to reflect on the presentation by Isos Partnership and to provide their own view and insight on the emerging information and messages to help in the development of the final report.
6. The publication of the final report has been postponed until January as a result of the Pre-election restrictions.
7. The cross-board steering group has met 3 times and will be shaping the final report, key messages and next steps for the LGA in the next couple of months. Final messages and proposals will come back to the three boards in the New Year.
8. Also to note that the final children and young people's plenary session will be on the issue of children and young people's mental health and will take place at 11am on Friday 22 November in Tregonwell Hall.