

Joint Childrens and CWB workshop on 8 January 2015

Purpose

For the Board to note.

Summary

The Community Wellbeing Board requested a joint discussion with Children and Young People's Board lead members on areas of common interest. This paper suggests a focus for discussion.

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- Note the agenda items proposed in Appendix A; and
- Suggest any other items for the agenda

Action/s

As directed by Members.

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Background

1. Children's health has been a joint priority between the Children and Young People Board and Community Wellbeing Board since 2011.
2. At the Joint Board meeting on the 5 March 2014 Members discussed the Children's Public Health 0-5 Transition, children's mental health issues and the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities reforms. The purpose of the meeting was to reach a shared negotiating position on the 0-5 Transition and to seek Members views about children's and adolescence mental health services.
3. A joint meeting of board members is being held on 8 January 2015 to:
 - 3.1. Update Members on the 0-5 Transition and our work on CAMHS;
 - 3.2. Seek Member's views on future work on CAMHS and people with learning disabilities with complex needs; and
 - 3.3. Establish how the CYP and CWB Boards can support work going forward

Issues

0-5 Transition

4. We have made good progress on a number of national negotiations and our discussions will continue as will be outlined in agenda item 3. We are now approaching the light touch assurance process which is due to be sent to local authorities for completion in the new year. This is a chance to raise the transformational opportunities such as integrating children's services, education and public health services and to raise the profile of children's issues at the health and wellbeing board.

CAMHS and Adult mental health

5. The Department of Health CAMHS Taskforce has been set up to report to Ministers in the Spring on how it can improve the CAMHS system. The LGA is represented on the Taskforce at member and officer level. This is an opportunity to influence the Taskforce recommendations. There is a need to join up our offer on children's mental health issues with our existing work on adult's mental health issues and to ensure this is cross cutting across both boards.
6. The LGA, working with ADASS, is currently taking forward a programme of work on adult mental health, to support implementation of the Mental Health Crisis Concordat. [The Concordat](#) was published by DH and the Home Office in February this year. It sets out the standards that people experiencing a mental health crisis should expect of the public services that respond to their needs. The LGA, along with ADASS, has signed up to delivering a number of Actions with the Concordat. We are taking these forward, initially by carrying out a two phased research project, with ADASS, to better understanding how local authorities are planning for and commissioning community based mental health services for those at risk of and experiencing mental health problems.

7. We are aiming to hold a seminar in March 2014 to disseminate the findings of this work to local authorities and their partners.
8. We are also aiming to take forward a programme of work to increase the focus and attention nationally and locally on local authorities' wider strategy role in promoting mental health and in enabling those at risk of mental health problems to live successfully within their local communities. There is a risk that these two programmes of work – on CAMHS and on Adult mental health, will fail to address the needs of adolescents and young adults – if we do not **explicitly address** this within our emerging programmes. We are aware that in many areas there is a lack of specialist provision for young people with early onset psychosis or severe mental illness, with a lack of community based or specialist services for young people and adults crisis services not willing to accept young people within their service.
9. Our aim is therefore to review how the LGA could best influence policy in respect of CAMHS and Adult mental health policy and practice, to improve the provision for 18-25 year olds at risk of or experiencing severe mental health problems in particular.

Adults with learning disabilities and complex needs.

10. Meeting the needs of adults with learning disabilities is one of the areas of growing spend for adult social care. Yet outcomes for this group can be very variable. It is proposed that further work be undertaken to understand both current and future numbers and the current and projected costs of providing support both for children's and adult services. It is also proposed that further work is done to explore the funding for this group could be used differently to provide more efficient, consistent and more outcomes focused models of care and support to enable the child to remain within their local community and for their families to receive tailored support which actively supports this. We would aim for early findings from this work to feed into the Comprehensive Spending Review work being developed in respect of children's services and adult social care.

Next steps

The Draft agenda will go before the CYP Lead members on Monday 15 December

11. Members are asked to:
 - 11.1. Note the agenda items proposed
 - 11.2. Suggest any other items for the agenda