

CAMHS Action Plan – in response to CYP Commission Topic Review

Recommendation 1 – to Derby City Council Mental Health Services and Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

The Commission acknowledges the weaknesses of the Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire as a tool to measure children in care's mental health. The Commission recommends that all relevant partners should work together to determine whether complementary processes can be put in place locally to ensure that CLA receive a thorough assessment in order that those with mental health and/or emotional difficulty have their needs met appropriately and at an early stage.

No.	CYPD response / Action required	Progress made (date)	Timescale	Lead officer (organisation)
1.1	Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire as a valid source of useful data is currently being reviewed	Regular Children in Care Strategic Group to review at next meeting	Dec 2011	Katie Harris (DCC)
1.2	As a part of the regular health assessments, mental health and emotional difficulties are identified	Ongoing and linked to strengths and difficulties questionnaire and referred to in health care plans	On going	Katie Harris (DCC)

Recommendation 2 – to the Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

The Commission supports work being done to train foster carers and social care staff to deal with CLA's emotional and mental health needs. The Commission asks that this training is consistent and is delivered regularly to all carers of CLA to ensure that there is early intervention designed to stop emotional and mental health problems from escalating.

No.	CYPD response / Action required	Progress made (date)	Timescale	Lead officer (organisation)
2.1	Regular foster carer training in place	Quality of training noted in recent OFSTED inspection – report due to be published Dec 2012	On going	Katie Harris (DCC)

2.2	Briefing sessions provided by specialist CAMHS planned with locality services 2011/12 to provide wider understanding on children and young people's mental health and make explicit the referral pathway and support available	Timetable being developed with locality service director and CAMHS lead in DHCFT. Briefings to start Jan 2012	Ongoing	Helen McMahon (DHCFT)
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Recommendation 3 – to the Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

- a) The Commission asks that all Head Teachers are given a presentation at their Head Teacher's Briefing in September 2011 about recognising children with emotional difficulties/mental health needs and are given information about how to support children in the first instance and to determine whether a referral to specialist services is appropriate. This will assist in ensuring that children receive early intervention with any problems and will help to prevent their problems from escalating. Specific information should be supplied about the need to support CLA in this regard. A presentation on this issue should be given annually at their September meeting.
- b) Similarly a presentation on this issue should be given to all Chairs of Governors on an annual basis.

No.	CYPD response / Action required	Progress made (date)	Timescale	Lead officer (organisation)
3.1	Briefing head teachers re TAMHs project	To be included in next directors Briefing to HT January 2012	Jan 2012	Lynda Poole (DCC)

Recommendation 4 – to the Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and the Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

- a) The Commission requests a meeting with all relevant partners to explain the recommendations in this report. By doing this we hope to improve the effectiveness of communication between Partners and to encourage discussions about how services can best work together to improve mental health support for CLA.
- b) The Commission asks that the Self Harm Protocol is shared between mental health service providers for CLA including to the CLA Paediatrician.

No.	CYPD response / Action required	Progress made (date)	Timescale	Lead officer (organisation)
4.1	Overview and Scrutiny Commission to convene a meeting to share report with relevant partners			Ellen Bird (DCC)
4.2	Self-harm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Widely shared training already Now superseded by work of DSCB Foundation Trust developing new pathway 	Derby Safeguarding Children Board (DSCB) now leading on self harm protocol across all agencies	Ongoing training	Helen McMahon (DHCFT) and DSCB

Recommendation 5 – to the Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

The Commission asks that the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People give consideration to how the benefits of the specialist services provided at 42 Leopold Street can be maintained into the future to ensure that knowledge and skills are retained in the City.

No.	CYPD response / Action required	Progress made (date)	Timescale	Lead officer (organisation)
5.1	Taking into account significant investment in training over last five years, plus additional £4k this year to Leopold Street to maintain training opportunities	This will be the responsibility of operational service manager to retain and develop staff and respond to demand as necessary	Ongoing	Katie Harris (DCC)

Recommendation 6 – to the Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

To assess the level of need for provision of a specific service for children who sexually abuse other children, particularly for boys aged over 14 and to identify ways in which this gap can be filled.

No.	CYPD response / Action required	Progress made (date)	Timescale	Lead officer (organisation)
6.1	Provider has withdrawn service. DCC accept that since the NSPCC has withdrawn, this service has ceased in the City. Specialists assessments are spot purchased as necessary	Budget for this service remains available to spot purchase specialist support and assessment as required.	Ongoing	Elene Constantinou (DCC)

Recommendation 7 – to the Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

The Commission resolved to ask the Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People to write to the new Chief Executive of the Derbyshire Cluster and to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board to seek assurances that the vitally important specialist mental health services for children, particularly in relation to CLA, are given priority in any future commissioning strategy.

No.	CYPD response / Action required	Progress made (date)	Timescale	Lead officer (organisation)
7.1	Letter already sent	Action completed	Sept 2011	Cllr Williams (DCC)

Recommendation 8 – to All Councillors

The Commission recommends that all Councillors are made aware of the externally run care homes for CLA in the City and asks that they consider visiting them to fulfil their role as corporate parents.

No.	CYPD response / Action required	Progress made (date)	Timescale	Lead officer (organisation)
8.1	Opportunities for Councillors to visit children’s homes extended once training complete and subject to satisfactory CRB	Training provided to all Members. Corporate Parenting Sub-Commission established	Oct 2011 started and on going	Katie Harris (DCC)

Recommendation 9 – to the Chair of the Children and Young People Commission

The Commission decided to write to the East Midlands Specialist Commissioning Group seeking assurances that Derby City’s access to provision at Thorneywood in Nottingham is appropriate and fair.

No.	CYPD response / Action required	Progress made (date)	Timescale	Lead officer (organisation)
9.1	This action has been included as part of the SLAC OFSTED post inspection action plan	Meetings have taken place linked to SLAC Action Plan	ongoing	East Midlands Specialist Commissioning Group

Recommendation 10 – to the Chair of the Children and Young People Commission

The Commission decided to write to all local MPs and the Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People to highlight

- a) The need to protect the budgets for mental health services for CLA both locally and nationally;
- b) The problems faced with providing beds for children who need to be hospitalised as a result of their Mental Health needs, particularly if services at Thorneywood in Nottingham were full.

No.	CYPD response / Action required	Progress made (date)	Timescale	Lead officer (organisation)
10.1	Chair of Overview and Scrutiny to action			Cllr Bolton (DCC)

Recommendation 11 – to the Council Cabinet Member Children and Young People

The Commission asks that the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People explores what can be done to ensure social workers receive the most up to date training on identifying families that will respond to support and those who will not.

No.	CYPD response / Action required	Progress made (date)	Timescale	Lead officer (organisation)
11.1	This action is captured in the Early Intervention – reducing LAC and safeguarding policy	Papers present as Overview and Scrutiny on response to OFSTED inspection which captures this activity CYP has begun neglect training for all frontline Children’s Services staff. The Graded Care Profile will be used to identify need, areas of work and those children who cannot live with birth families at an early stage	Sept 2011 On going	Jacqui Jensen (DCC) Jacqui Jensen (DCC)

Recommendation 12 – to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

That the Commission receives feedback on all the recommendations in this report at its first meeting of 2012 (currently scheduled for 24 January 2012)

No.	CYPD response / Action required	Progress made (date)	Timescale	Lead officer (organisation)
12.1	Noted. Report prepared for Overview and Scrutiny Committee 24 Jan 2012		Dec 2011	Rita Silvester (DCC)

Recommendation 13

This report is shared widely with adult commissioners and providers of services across the City, with the Children, Families and Learners Board, Health and Wellbeing Board as well as Neighbourhood and Locality groups.

No.	CYPD response / Action required	Progress made (date)	Timescale	Lead officer (organisation)
13.1	Overview and Scrutiny Commission provided with dates for them to ensure that report is included on the agenda			Ellen Bird (DCC)