

Health and Wellbeing Board
5th March 2015
Children's Trust Briefing

This paper outlines the activity of the Children's Trust since the last update which was provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board in November 2014.

1. The Trust has met twice since the last update and discussed and fed into on issues including:
 - a. The **Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Review**. The Trust made a number of suggestions to feed into the review, including considering how mental health services can link with schools, especially primary schools, and how CAMHS links with adult mental health services. Proposals for the new model of CAMHS will be brought back to the Trust at a future meeting.
 - b. The **Female Genital Mutilation Strategy**. This was welcomed, and approved by the Trust.
 - c. **Adolescents**. The Trust's January meeting was taken up by a workshop on the topic of adolescents. Invitations were extended beyond the regular membership of the Trust, so this session provided an opportunity for a range of professionals to raise key concerns and highlight areas where improvement could be made in understanding and providing for this group.

Topics discussed included: early intervention; the unique challenge of adolescents; children on the threshold of services; good practice and workforce resilience; adolescent perpetrators; transitions between children and adult services; funding; mentoring and peer support; and the role of parents. Feedback on the session has been very positive and as a result of this discussion the Trust is working to agree an Action Plan to address the key issues raised and will monitor this at future meetings.

2. The Trust approved a draft of the **new Children and Young People's Plan** in November. The Plan then went out for public consultation, which closed on the 20th of February. The Plan will drive the work of the Children's Trust over the next three years and is jointly authored by all of the Trust's members. It is based on evidence from the Oxfordshire Children's Needs Analysis, 2014.

At the time of writing the results of the consultation are yet to be collated, but the intention is to report these, and agree a final version of the Plan, at the Trust's March meeting. The Plan will then be brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board in July. The Plan will directly feed into the new Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy which is due in 2016.

3. At the January meeting it was agreed to extend the Trust's membership to include a representative from the Oxfordshire Safer Communities Partnership. The change has been reflected in the Trust's Terms of Reference.

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