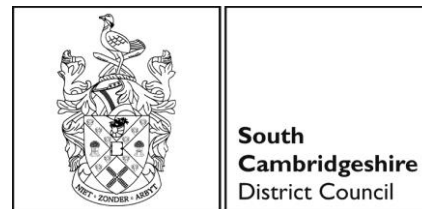


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11th April 2017



To: Chairman – Councillor Ben Shelton
Vice-Chairman – Councillor Bunty Waters
Members of the Partnerships Review Committee – Councillors David Bard,
Henry Batchelor, Kevin Cuffley, Andrew Fraser, Janet Lockwood, Ray Manning
and Ingrid Tregoing

Quorum: 5

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **Partnerships Review Committee**, which will be held in the **Swansley Room A, Ground Floor** on **Friday, 21 April 2017** at **10.00 a.m.**

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Yours faithfully
Alex Colyer
Interim Chief Executive

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5. 'Mind the Gap' in support and provision between schools and Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services

A number of expert witnesses will be attending the meeting to discuss this with the committee.

On conclusion of the discussion, the Committee will be invited to consider **next steps** and identify what this Council can do to improve the situation.

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6. Update from Members representing the Council on outside bodies 5 - 6

Councillor Hazel Smith has provided an update report on Emmaus Cambridge.

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- Integrity
- Dynamism
- Innovation

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Agenda Item 3

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Partnerships Review Committee held on
Friday, 20 January 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Ben Shelton – Chairman
Councillor Bunty Waters – Vice-Chairman

Councillors: Henry Batchelor Andrew Fraser
Janet Lockwood Ray Manning
Ingrid Tregoing

Councillors were in attendance, by invitation.

Officers: Gemma Barron Head of Sustainable Communities and Wellbeing
Mike Hill Health and Environmental Services Director
Ian Senior Democratic Services Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Councillors David Bard and Kevin Cuffley sent apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee authorised the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2016.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

5. REVIEW OF FINDINGS OF LOCAL PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman invited Members to contribute to a discussion about the local provision of mental health services.

Each of the Members present reported verbally on enquiries made, and discussions held, within their wards. Councillor Ingrid Tregoing addressed the meeting in her capacity as a Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo). During the ensuing Committee debate, the following points were made:

- The lack of education funding locally and the need for a fairer determining formula. There was a lack of therapists and counsellors available to support schools due to cost. Lack of funding of education locally and mental health support was the key issue
- Mental health issues often presented between the ages of 13 and 15. There was growing evidence that the need for intervention was now earlier than this average – at primary school age.

- Councillor Tregoing reported that 50% of her time as a primary teacher / SENCo was spent doing mental health work / paperwork. There were long delays in accessing services, even though the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust (CPFT) was now hitting its 18-week target for referrals (down from one year).
- Children and young people were often passed from service to service and waiting times for the most serious cases were still too high. Many GPs saw the child as the responsibility of the school: however, the school was only likely to step in if the child was not meeting age-related educational expectations. If the child was performing well, it was very difficult to get help until a crisis occurred. Referral pathways were not clear.
- Child & Adolescent Mental Health (CAMH) Services were provided by CPFT. CAMH is a “tier 2” service equivalent to a hospital service. Many young people “not sick enough” were turned away, but it was not clear what services they could access via their parents or schools to help with “lower level” mental illness. This was a gap worth exploring in South Cambridgeshire.
- Different people had different needs.
- The causes of mental health issues included the spread of social media, peer pressure, and the break-up of families.
- Mental health and emotional wellbeing concerns were often identified at school rather than through parents. There were lots of initiatives and mental health support providers active in South Cambridgeshire. Note was made of the excellent work of Councillor Neil Davies at Histon & Impington Mental Health Week, and the very successful work delivered by the “Alliance” group of 13 primary schools in the Bassingbourn-Melbourn-Gamlingay cluster working with pupils aged 4 to 11 and, importantly, their families.
- The balance of funding spent on serious cases versus prevention.
- To make sure that recommendations could be made to Cabinet at a later date, it was agreed that the Committee should focus its review on the theme of “Mind the Gap” in support and provision between Schools and the CAMHs:

The Committee needed to address the following key questions:

- What are the referral pathways from schools to mental health services?
- What mental health support measures are schools providing / accessing / buying-in? From where? How much does this cost? How are they funding this?
- How could schools work and prevention work be funded?
- What is actually happening in schools (focus on primary, but include secondary) in our wards in South Cambridgeshire?
- What does it look like from a GP’s and a school’s view-point?

Members asked officers to determine which expert witnesses to invite to the next

meeting, given the concerns raised during the debate. Members indicated to officers that the expert witnesses should include a Head teacher, school nurse, primary school teacher, and General Practitioner. Councillor Bunty Waters and Councillor Andrew Frazer agreed to contact local MPs Heidi Allen and Lucy Frazer to understand their perspective on these issues. Councillor Frazer also referred to a contact he knew at the Care Quality Commission, who worked closely with GP surgeries.

It was agreed that the next meeting should be arranged for March 2017, or shortly thereafter, once expert witness availability had been established.

6. UPDATES FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Partnership Review Committee received and noted a report from Councillor Hazel Smith about Emmaus, Cambridge.

The Meeting ended at 11.00 a.m.

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Report To: Partnerships Review Committee
Lead Officer: Council Representative on Outside Body

28 March 2017

Emmaus Cambridge (“Outside Body”)

Purpose

1. To update Members about the Outside Body’s activities since the previous meeting of the Partnerships Review Committee.

Executive Summary

2. Emmaus in Landbeach is continuing to be the home for about 34 formerly homeless people, offering communal living and voluntary work in our social enterprise, which is based around recycling of furniture, clothes and bric-a-brac. Emmaus Cambridge is one of 29 UK communities providing 765 beds, belonging to the federation of Emmaus UK.
3. The Emmaus movement has been lobbying the government hard to highlight the need for their support, if only through enhanced Housing Benefit, for communities like ours that offer supported living conditions and training. The change to HB has been postponed twice but is still threatened. This would reduce the support for supported housing to the Local Housing Allowance level.
4. In addition we have become aware of the threat to the whole model of easing formerly homeless people back into society and productive work. Companions volunteer to work in the community in which they live. In return they receive a home, and again begin to feel a part of something bigger, while they are often recovering from drug addiction and the negative influences that sent them onto the street in the first place.
In the future if Universal Credit and the general principles of Welfare Reform were introduced, anyone receiving (housing) benefit would be expected to be available for work. This would mean that our Companions would no longer be able to volunteer for up to 37.5 hours a week in the community: they would be expected to be available for outside work from the start.
5. Without any support from the state through benefits the viability of all Emmaus communities in the UK would be called into question.
6. Our plans for an extra 10 rooms are still likely to go ahead but uncertainties over future government policy makes planning very difficult to do so with any sense of confidence. We just have to have faith that we are doing the right thing and will find a way to support the Companions in the future come what may.
7. Community operation continues with its perennial stresses. The social enterprise relies on paid staff and a very fragile workforce of Companions, and juggling the tasks to provide a stimulating work environment for everyone whilst not pushing people too far out of their comfort zone is always a challenge. Nevertheless the community and

its social enterprise turned over just over a million pounds last year for the first time.

8. Emmaus Cambridge is fully committed to continuing to work in partnership with SCDC to alleviate homelessness and poverty in Cambridgeshire. We also provide furniture at a very reduced price to people (referred from agencies) who could not otherwise afford it.

Report Author: Councillor Hazel Smith - Milton Ward