

PARTNERSHIPS REVIEW COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, 28 JULY 2017

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Partnerships Review Committee held on Friday, 28 July 2017. Decisions made by a Portfolio Holder will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Cabinet or to the Council are not subject to call-in. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

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1. **'MIND THE GAP' IN SUPPORT AND PROVISION BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Subject to amendments to recommendations one and five, the Partnerships Review Committee **AGREED** the following recommendations and **RECOMMENDED** their agreement by Cabinet:

Recommendation 1 - That the Council pro-actively uses its networks and facilitation skills to enable appropriately timed meetings between key partners to:

- a) help develop relationships and trust between professionals working to support children and young people who are experiencing poor mental health, and
- b) enable strong partnerships resulting in a better support offer for children and young people within a school setting.

Recommendation 2 - That the Council:

- a) writes to NHS England expressing concern in relation to the targets they set for mental health crisis care, which results in local budgets being spent once a crisis has occurred rather than preventing the crisis in the first place, and
- b) instructs officers to actively pursue, through Devolution 2, a freedom and flexibility to agree locally the split between spend on preventative care and crisis care in relation to mental health.

Recommendation 3 - That the Council uses its position with the Mayor, local Members of Parliament and on key local partnerships to influence decisions that affect local and national spend on mental health services so that more is done to support children and young people who are experiencing poor mental health so that they hopefully do not reach crisis.

Recommendation 4 - That the Council, through the Corporate Plan, prioritises supporting young people who are experiencing poor mental health, especially during times of crisis.

Recommendation 5 - That Cabinet notes the success of the Allyance model in the South-West of the district and explores the rollout of this, or a similar model, across all South Cambridgeshire schools.

Other Options Considered: The Committee could:

- (a) agree, with or without amendments, the recommendations set out at paragraphs 17 to 21, or
- (b) defer a decision on the recommendations at paragraphs 17 to 21, or
- (c) reject the recommendations set out at paragraphs 17 to 21.

Should the Committee agree the recommendations, with or without amendments, it could:

- (d) recommend their agreement by Cabinet.
- (e) refuse to recommend their agreement by Cabinet.

Reason For Decision: Mental ill-health affects many children and young people in the district. If affected children and young people are not supported early on, poor mental health can become entrenched and affect their whole lives.

Whilst the District Council is not responsible for providing education or mental health services, residents with poor mental health increasingly access District Council services and the Council's position means that it is able to influence local and national decision-making as well as take direct action to support its residents.

The Council's Corporate Plan includes an action of "proactive intervention to improve mental health and wellbeing for all" (Living Well).