

Children & Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Overview of CAMHS Crisis and Liaison Service



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Purpose of Report

1. To provide members of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an overview of Children and Adults Mental Health Service Crisis and Liaison Pilot Service evaluation. The presentation will be given by Donna Sweet, Service Development Manager, Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

Background

2. Tees, Esk and Wear Valley (TEWV) Foundation Trust's Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) participated in recent review activity undertaken by the committee which looked at self-harm. As part of that review members were informed of the Crisis and Liaison Service pilot.
3. CAMHS received funding from North Durham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG to deliver a pilot crisis and liaison service.
4. The pilot service was fully operational from May 2014 to December 2014 and as the committee promotes the benefits of good mental health for children and young people it was considered appropriate for the committee to receive an update on CAMHS Crisis and Liaison pilot service evaluation.

Detail

5. The aim of the pilot service was to develop and provide a service for children and young people who require urgent mental health assessment and care plan that is both flexible and responsive to meet the needs of children and young people experiencing a mental health crisis. An additional aim was to reduce waiting time for psychiatric assessment when young people are in crisis.
6. The evaluation of the pilot indicates a reduction in admissions to paediatric beds and overnight admissions; reductions in accident and emergency attendances and a reduction in the waiting times for young people and their families.

7. Additional benefits include an increase in multi-agency working and transitional support for young people moving from CAMHS to AMHS and most importantly an open, accessible and quick response to urgent mental health assessments. A full copy of the CAMHS Crisis and Liaison Service Evaluation can be found at appendix 2 of this report.
8. Members will receive a power point presentation that will cover:
 - The aims of the service
 - Key findings including referrals and waiting times
 - Emerging outcomes and benefits
 - Achievements
 - Future training plans.

Recommendation

9. Members of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee are requested to:
 - (a) Note the TEWV Service Evaluation of the CAMHS Crisis and Liaison Service at appendix 2
 - (b) Receive the presentation and comment accordingly.

Background Papers

- *TEWV Evaluation of CAMHS Crisis and Liaison Service – May 2015*

Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – N/A

Staffing – N/A

Risk – N/A

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – N/A

Accommodation – N/A

Crime and Disorder – N/A

Human Rights – N/A

Consultation – N/A

Procurement – N/A

Disability Issues – N/A

Legal Implications – N/A