

Cabinet, 26 June 2018 – Item 5

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SELECT COMMITTEE'S PERFORMANCE MEMBER REFERENCE GROUP

Item under Consideration: CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Date Considered: 8 May 2018

The Children and Education Select Committee's Performance Member Reference Group of 8 May 2018 held a meeting which was focussed on the inadequate performance of the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS). At this meeting there was mention of an Interim Project Plan to improve CAMHS services and address the current backlog. Has the Cabinet Member for Children had sight of this plan and is the Cabinet assured that this plan is adequate to address the issues facing the effective delivery of CAMHS? And what processes will be in place to ensure that the implementation of the Interim Project Plan will be monitored?

Mr Tim Evans

Chairman of the Children and Education Select Committee's Performance Member Reference Group

RESPONSE:

I welcome the question as the delays associated with the current backlog are unacceptable.

I have seen the plan and have been briefed. I confirm I am fully briefed including an overview of the interim plan which has been agreed by SCC, the CCGs and SABP. In relation to monitoring the implementation, there is a joint project board in place, chaired by the Executive Director of Strategic Commissioning Surrey Heartlands CCGs. This board will oversee the interim plan which includes targets and trajectories to address the backlog. Officers will continue to brief me on the implementation and monitoring of the plan.

The interim plan has a renewed focus on using early intervention services and supporting children, families, schools and GPs to use the range of services that are already provided through subcontracted partners. In order to deliver the interim plan and address the waiting list, additional resources are being secured through the Sustainable Transformation Partnership and the CCGs. This work will be supported by a review of case management criteria to reduce caseloads for clinicians to safe and manageable levels. I would like to stress the urgent and crisis referral pathway for children will still be in place during this period.

Mrs Clare Curran

Cabinet Member for Children

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