

Ashford Health & Wellbeing Board (AHWB)

Partner Quarterly Update for Local Children's Partnership Group – Quarter 4: January to March 2017

<p>What's going on in our world</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The further development of action-orientated project work related to local priorities using standard data set, local intelligence and partner contributions to address the key priorities for Ashford. • Continuing to develop linkage between projects like the One You at Park Mall, information sharing about positive activities and services available locally in an ever-changing context as part of the development of the LCPG. • Achieving clarity about access routes and providing information sharing opportunities about new and existing services/resources so that best use of these can be made.
<p>Success stories since last AHWB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant funding from last year has been evaluated and the outcomes reported to LCPG. Successful cases studies have been shared. Effective approaches to working with children, young people and families have been used to inform best ways of engaging and achieving positive change for future funding opportunities. • Introduction to new grant funded services and clear access routes for services being defined in liaison with partners. Grant funding was allocated against the priority areas that the LCPG agreed: Empowering families to make healthy choices and building resilience in families. • Young people in Ashford voted that the priorities for them in 2017 were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mental health services should be improved. We should learn about common mental health issues at school and learn how to maintain good health and well-being. 2. A curriculum to prepare us for life. Schools should cover topics including finance, budgeting, first aid, politics, relationships and sex education. 3. Bullying – this is a big issue for young people online and offline. More support should be provided to deal with and tackle bullying behaviour. Improve education for young people on internet safety.
<p>What we are focusing on for the next quarter <u>specific to the key projects</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued work with EHWPB agenda to include the voice of young people by joining up with the Youth Action Group. • Focus on emotional health and well-being in schools, preparation for the introduction of HeadStart in the summer and a co-ordinated approach to include the newly commissioned service for direct work with children and young people.
<p>Anything else relevant to AHWB priorities NOT mentioned above</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Services in Kent have recently undergone an Ofsted inspection and the outcome of this will be known soon. We will discuss this at LCPG and share key messages and learning.

Strategic challenges & risks including horizon scanning?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changing context as new services develop and funding is always under consideration.• Culture of partnership working requires investment from all partners.
Any thing else the Board needs to know	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forthcoming training opportunities for those working directly with families will be advertised as part of the new grant funded services.
Signed & dated	Helen Anderson 13/4/17