

Ashford Health & Wellbeing Board (AHWB)

Partner Quarterly Update for Local Children's Partnership Group – Quarter 1: April to June 2017

<p>What's going on in our world</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established working groups have been looking at emotional health and well-being, self-harm and how local services can be better integrated. Applied for funding for mental health initiative from PCC fund (conference and shared learning to ensure that lower level concerns are picked up rather than escalating). LCPG grant funded services underway and quarterly reporting shows that they are mobilised and beginning to have an impact: West Kent Mind is working closely with primary schools to develop a comprehensive training package for staff with practical application in terms of working with children and families. Homestart – Chill with Dad, continues to be well-attended and meets a local need. Project Salus, working with selected primary schools to support transition to secondary school. Mid Kent Mind – offering family resilience events. Rising Sun – providing support for boys who have experiences domestic abuse.
<p>Success stories since last AHWB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working in partnership with CSU to deliver Safety in Action sessions about emotional health and well-being, included senior members from the youth hub working alongside Early Help staff. A very successful event, positive feedback and an opportunity to advertise youth activities to children as they transition into secondary school.
<p>What we are focusing on for the next quarter <u>specific to the key projects</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further integration of emotional health and well-being services as Headstart programme is coming to Ashford in August/September 2017. The recruitment process has begun for the staff who will be supporting Ashford to deliver the programme which has to become self-sustaining over a 2 year period. Training as a focus for all staff across agencies working with children so that they are able to deal with mental health as confidently as physical health in terms of first aid. Joining up of youth services, in Tenterden and Ashford to ensure good coverage and appropriate opportunities for targeted work. Continue to work in partnership to improve school readiness, early intervention and Specialist Children's Services.

Anything else relevant to AHWB priorities NOT mentioned above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kent Children's Services Ofsted has been published – overall grade: Good. • Nurture Group being run for children at one of the Children's Centres, good progress being made and shows the power of multi-agency working.
Strategic challenges & risks including horizon scanning?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity to deliver appropriate/high quality services to meet local need with a growing population and demands that that brings.
Anything else the Board needs to know	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LCPG is keen to develop further work with Early Years settings and to work with families to embed the Active Learning approach. This has been run in Children's Centres and Health Visiting have provided training to ensure champions are available locally to promote this. The next phase is to roll this out further, working in partnership with other agencies.
Signed & dated	Helen Anderson - July 2017