

Ashford Health & Wellbeing Board (AHWB)

Partner Quarterly Update for Local Children's Partnership Group – Quarter 2: July to September 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. This links closely with the offer from Headstart for 10 – 16 year olds. 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 experienced 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. Schools chosen (Homewood, Goldwyn, Highworth, The North & The John Wallis) and a local steering group now in place to co-ordinate and develop Headstart to include 10 primary schools.
<p>What we are focusing on for the next quarter <u>specific to the key projects</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring there is clarity about pathways and services for families and the local workforce working with children, young people and their families as the newly commissioned services commence and new projects/opportunities arise. Linking into local offer and using data/local intelligence to prepare bids for the grants that will be available next financial year. Focus on further development of the early intervention approach, Born to Move/Active Learning for parents and very young children to provide information and effective interventions as early as possible in life. Well-researched and proven approach that will be reinvigorated to run beyond Health Visiting and Children's centres with local champions in place. Further integration of emotional/mental health and well-being services for children and young people. Headstart programme has come to Ashford in August/September 2017 and Vicky Saward has been appointed as Project Manager. Senior Early Help Worker post for Headstart is currently being advertised and there is a participation worker, Hannah Patton, supporting the programme. 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. Headstart provides a comprehensive training programme for schools and Early Help Practitioners. There is a centralised resource hub which is available to everyone very shortly.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 working closely with Specialist Children's Services, connectivity with Community Safety Partnership (Safeguarding sub group in place to focus on CSE, substance misuse and Prevent.)
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 provision being run for children at one of the Children's Centres, good progress being made and shows the power of multi-agency working as the children and their families are seeing the benefits of this work. • Provision of School Nursing Service for schools – all via one point of contact. • Single Point of Access for Children and Young People's Mental Health which provides a route into higher level/intensive provision as well as sign-posting into other services including Early Help.
Strategic challenges & risks including horizon scanning?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity to deliver appropriate/high quality services working in partnership to meet local need with a growing population and demands that that brings. • Connectivity between adult and children's services in particular for mental health support, capacity of services to cope with demand and to provide effective early intervention.
Anything else the Board needs to know	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LCPG is keen to develop further work with all partner agencies including GPs and others who may not be as familiar with what is available in Ashford at an early intervention level. • Early Help youth provision and Children's Centres invite partnership working to explore more creative ways to use the space in buildings and to provide effective targeted outreach. • Need to consider how childhood obesity local groups that cater for the full age range to 19 have set up sub group which reports to both LCPG and HWB, and how that works most effectively to affect change.
Signed & dated	Helen Anderson - October 2017