Ashford Health & Wellbeing Board (AHWB)

Partner Quarterly Update for Local Children's Partnership Group – Quarter 3: October to December 2017

| What's going on in our world | HeadStart are now mobilised and involved in Ashford schools. The LCPG ensured that training was made available for primary schools to complement the offer that was available for the secondary schools. Update on current grant services: Home-Start Ashford (Chill with Dad): In the first 6 months, Homestart delivered 13 sessions and worked with 30 dads and 49 children. Maidstone and Mid Kent Mind (Resilient Minds): Three courses have been delivered at John Wesley Primary School in July (10 parents), Willesborough Infant School (7) and Phoenix Primary School (5) in September. Further course planned for Jan/Feb 2018 at the Live Well Centre. Project Salus (Resilience in Families): Participants displayed an increase in positive outlook following sessions and a greater sense of belonging. West Kent Mind (Community Resilience): Two Mental Health First Aid courses delivered to schools and one Train the Trainer Mind Fitness workshop have so far taken place. Rising Sun (Adolescent Boys Mentoring): 1:1 mentoring delivered to 24 young men over 3 -6 months |
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| Success stories since last AHWB | A well-attended Ashford networking event was held at Ray Allen Children's Centre which brought together partner agencies including schools, Specialist Children's Services, School Nursing, Health Visiting, Include Us Too and other organisations providing support to families and young people. The feedback was very positive and it was recognised that there is a need to repeat this on a regular basis, looking at key themes and possibly linking with CSP sub group for safeguarding. The LCPG has initiated a new phase of Born to Move training and development to encompass a wider staff group to raise awareness and to increase parent participation in the future roll-out of this project. The primary schools for HeadStart have been identified. Senior Early Help Worker for HeadStart has been appointed and is in post based Ashford North Youth Hub Unit. |
| What we are focusing on for the next quarter specific to the key projects | Further integration between children's services (SCS/EH) including work focused on achieving better outcomes for adolescents where their behaviour is putting them at risk. New grants to be awarded early in 2018 to focus on identified priorities: Best Start in Life, Adolescent Aspirations and Family Well-being. Focus on further development of the early intervention approach including Born to Move/Active Learning and further integration of Health Visiting within Children's Centres. Continue to develop a rolling programme of multi-agency training related to well-being and safeguarding of children and young people in Ashford. |

| Anything else relevant to AHWB priorities NOT mentioned above | Open Access, Early Help Youth Annual Conversation taking place in January 2018. Annual Conversation for Children's Centres highlighted the excellent partnership working in place in Ashford which promotes better outcomes for families and children. |
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| Strategic challenges & risks including horizon scanning? | The need to have effective information sharing and an understanding of the services available locally to work together with a focus on shared priorities. The funding for LCPG/Ashford Supporting Families will be brought together in the next financial year. |
| Anything else the Board needs to know | New KCC Corporate Director for Children, Young People and Education, Matt Dunkley has taken up his post in Kent. |
| Signed & dated | Helen Anderson - January 2018 |