

Ashford Health & Wellbeing Board (AHWB)

Partner Quarterly Update for LCPG – Quarter 4: January to March 2018

What's going on in our world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HeadStart is embedded in Ashford, there are 5 secondary schools involved and 10 primary schools, working within the HeadStart programme. There is a comprehensive training programme available from HeadStart in the district and the tools/resources are available and can be accessed on the Resilience Hub (www.HeadStartKent.org.uk). There are 3 key priorities in place for the grant-funded services to deliver against this financial year: Adolescent Aspirations, Family Well-being and Best start in Life. The grant funded services have been selected via a "Dragon's Den" approach involving agencies represented on the LCPG sub-group to undertake this task.
Success stories since last AHWB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were 5 providers chosen to deliver services against the 3 priorities that the LCPG agreed for this financial year: Maidstone & Mid Kent Mind, Rising Sun, Home start Ashford, PSB Breastfeeding, Step Outdoors Learning, Training & Therapy CIC. A variety of training opportunities from Headstart related to emotional health and well-being are already being accessed by schools and partner agencies. The Early Years SEND Summit at the end of March was very successful in having parents and professionals at an event where they were able to explore the best ways of supporting children together. A range of speakers and workshops were very well received. The Born to Move training and development opportunities have been refreshed and are building on the success to date so that all parents and agencies working with families have the information and resources available.
What we are focusing on for the next quarter <u>specific to the key projects</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring all the grant funded services are up and running, access to them is understood and they are making a difference to children, young people and families in Ashford through the work that is being undertaken. Reviewing the membership of the LCPG to ensure there is appropriate representation to achieve strategic linkage with other boards and meetings about the Ashford picture/provision for children, young people and families in Ashford. Having themed meetings to pick up the key issues that are identified in Ashford and ensuring there is information sharing and connectivity with other meetings/events and opportunities so all partner agencies are well-informed.
Anything else relevant to AHWB priorities NOT mentioned above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The funding for LCPG/Ashford Supporting Families has been brought together in the next financial year. Ashford has an Adolescent Pilot in place which has developed a multi-agency approach to working with adolescents ... looking at ways to work more creatively to manage risk but understanding the context that the young people are living in and what is most effective in terms of engaging them. The Children's Centres ran some very well-attended sessions over the Easter holidays which promoted dental health. Early Help and SCS are meeting with Ashford GPs to look at further opportunities to work together more closely.
Strategic challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainability of projects/programmes so that they can continue to provide what is required into the future needs co-ordinated, strategic approach.

& risks including horizon scanning?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult services and Children's services need connectivity • Partners need to be keeping up-to-date with new developments in terms of benefits changes, service developments and other local intelligence so that best use of all funding can be achieved.
Anything else the Board needs to know	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For further information about HeadStart: www.HeadStartKent.org.uk Or contact the Ashford Project Manager (Victoria.Saward@kent.gov.uk) • For further information about the grant funded services, contact The District Partnership Manager, Mark Wiltshire (Mark.Wiltshire2@kent.gov.uk)
Signed & dated	Helen Anderson – April 2018