

Children and Maternity Group

Chair: Sharon Morrow, Chief Operating Officer, Barking and Dagenham Clinical Commissioning Group

Performance

Please note that no performance targets have been agreed as yet.

Meeting Attendance

29 May 2013: 67% (10 of 15)

Action(s) since last report to the Board

This group has not reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board before, therefore this is instead a list of recent actions to demonstrate the work that the Children and Maternity Group is doing and to give context to future reports to the Board.

- a) The group reviewed terms of reference and membership. It was proposed that CVS be approached to nominate a representative from the voluntary sector and that the Policy and Performance Manager, LBBB Children’s service be invited as a member.
- b) Contract issues around allied therapies at Trinity School have been resolved.
- c) NELFT provided an verbal update on health visitor recruitment and vacancy rates
- d) The group received an update from the CCG Deputy Director of Nursing on improvements made to the quality of BHRUT maternity services following previous inspection reports by CQC; the group discussed the scope of a paper to be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board (agenda item for July meeting)
- e) The group discussed and made suggestions on the scope of a CCG review of services for children with complex needs – concerns were raised about the scope/focus and deliverability within the timescales identified
- f) The CCG presented proposals for engaging Children and Young People in the work of the CCG which were endorsed by the group.
- g) A draft Performance Framework was discussed with reference to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy delivery plan for pre-birth and early years, primary school, children, adolescence and maternity services.
- h) A draft forward plan for the Group has been drawn up, and milestones and deliverables are being mapped out.

Action and Priorities for the coming period

- (a) Officers are meeting to map out the reporting arrangements between the Children and Maternity Group other groups focused on children's services e.g. Family Nurse Partnership group
- (b) NHS England have been asked to provide a report for the July meeting on plans for recruiting a further 40 health visitors under a "Call for Action" and arrangements for MESCH; it is proposed that a report is provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board in November 2013.
- (c) Further develop the service review to examine health services for children with special physical and developmental needs pre-birth to 2 years old. This should address specific issues around access to speech and language therapy services and the role the portage (early support) service plays.
- (d) A workplan to be drafted to include the actions and deliverables from the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Items to be escalated to the Health & Wellbeing Board

- (a) Direction is needed on the performance framework and which performance indicators are reasonable for each group to monitor.
- (b) The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider whether there are opportunities to support the group development.

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