Children & Maternity Group

Chair: Sharon Morrow, Chief Operating Officer

Items to be escalated to the Health & Wellbeing Board
None

Performance
The focus of this meeting was on the interim findings from the Children and Young People’s mental health and wellbeing needs assessment and as such there was no review of wider performance indicators. These were reviewed at the last meeting and have helped to inform the work plan and meeting agendas for future sessions.

Meeting Attendance
8 attendees/deputies out of 16 members (50%)

Action(s) since last report to the Health and Wellbeing Board
The Sub-Group met to take a detailed review of the draft findings from the Children and Young People’s mental health and wellbeing needs assessment. This was a very useful session which enabled those working with children and young people to test the data against local experience. Various issues were discussed including

- The difference between school and residential population particularly in B&D where many children school out of borough.
- Some of the difficulties in assessing prevalence particularly where co-morbidity and taking into account the effect of deprivation and ethnicity – again significant issues in B&D
- Acute hospital admission data and how this relates to unmet need/impact of effective outreach services – this may well be an example of early intervention services giving B&D a better than national average position.
- Risk factors in B&D for poor mental health in children and young people – many of which are present in B&D population
- Capacity and confidence in workforce in general in working with children and young people with mental health needs.

A number of actions were agreed to test out the data further. The final report is due at the end of March and will be reviewed again by the CMG and the Mental Health Sub-Group.

The Sub-Group were also invited to comment on the draft Healthy Weight Strategy. The detailed action plan will come back to a future meeting to ensure local ownership and work through areas where joint partnership input needed.

At the last meeting infant mortality was raised as a particular issue. Some information is available as to how this might be impacted and further work is needed to weave this into current plans – in particular infant feeding.
Action and Priorities for the coming period

The following items will be reviewed in March 2016 meeting by the Group

- Infant Mortality
- Breastfeeding strategy
- Healthy Weight Plan

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