

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee

9 March 2016

Report of the Chairperson of Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All Wards

Response from the AMBU Health Board regarding the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in the Neath Port Talbot Area

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide the Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee with the response from ABMU Health Board to the questions submitted regarding Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in the Neath Port Talbot area. For the Committee to agree on how to proceed.

Background

2. The Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee requested that representatives from the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) attended a scrutiny meeting as they had concerns about CAMHS in the area and wanted to establish what progress was being made.

3. Representatives from CAMHS attended a meeting on 22 October 2015 and presented a report, which provided an update on the arrangements for the planning and provision of services for children and young people with emotional and mental health needs in the ABMU Health Board area.
4. The Committee were pleased to have the opportunity to ask questions about the service in the Neath Port Talbot area and discuss concerns that they had. However, the Committee felt that they did not receive answers to all the questions that they raised during the meeting and there appeared to be some conflicting information. The Chairperson wrote to the Chairman and Chief Executive of the ABMU Health Board, on behalf of the Committee, requesting a written response to their questions on 26 January 2016. A copy of the letter and questions are attached at Appendix One.
5. A response was received from the Chairman of the ABMU Health Board on 1 March 2016, which is attached at Appendix Two.
6. The next steps for the Committee is to decide if they are satisfied with the information that they have received and whether any further action is required.

Financial Impact

7. There are no financial implications within this report. However, there are financial implications in supporting children and young people with mental health needs in Neath Port Talbot.

Equality Impact Assessment

8. There are no equality impacts associated with this report. However, it is recognised that children and young people accessing mental health services would belong to protected groups, such as age and gender and the development of services would need to take account of this.

Workforce Impacts

9. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impacts

10. There are no legal impacts associated with this report.

Risk Management

11. There are no risk management issues associated with this report. However, the Committee recognise that there are risks if Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services are not delivered effectively in the area.

Consultation

12. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

13. To establish if the Members of the Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee are satisfied with the response received from the AMBU Health Board to the letter and questions submitted in regards to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.
14. If the Committee are dissatisfied with the information received, then Members to agree how to proceed.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

15. To ensure that the enquiries undertaken by the Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee into Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services are brought to a conclusion.

Implementation of Decision

16. Immediate implementation.

Appendices

17. Appendix One - Letter and questions from the Chairperson of the Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee submitted to the Chief Executive and Chairman of the ABMU Health Board.

18. Appendix Two - Response from the Chairman of the ABMU Health Board

List of Background Papers

19. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Briefing for Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Scrutiny Committee - 22 October 2015.

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