

## Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Report to Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS)

**Date: 27 January 2016**

**Subject: Children's Emotional and Mental Health**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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## 1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to introduce a further report in relation to the provision of services aimed to support Children's Emotional and Mental Health in Leeds.

## 2 Summary of main issues

- 2.1 During the municipal year 2014/15, the previous Scrutiny Board – Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) – undertook a scrutiny inquiry into the Provision of Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Support Services for Children and Young People in Leeds. The report and recommendations were published in June 2015 and are available on the Council's website using the following link: <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/docs/CAMHS%20Report.pdf>. For ease of reference, a summary of the desired outcomes and recommendations is attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 At its meeting in July 2015, the Scrutiny Board received a response to the report and recommendations. At that meeting the Scrutiny Board considered the response and raised a number of issues, including:
- Access to services and the level of need across the City.
  - Funding requirements in the longer-term.
  - Raising awareness and elected member training.
  - Transitional arrangements from services for children to adult services.
  - Availability of support for parents and carers.
  - The importance of continuing to hear the voice of service users and other stakeholders – including practitioners.
  - Concern regarding the certainty of the response provided – in particular around timescales.

- 2.3 In response, it was highlighted that some of the detail of the improvement plan was reliant upon national guidance – initially expected in June 2015, but subsequently anticipated in mid-August 2015.
- 2.4 Following the publication of *Future in Mind (2015)* Leeds Local Transformation Plan (LTP) has been developed to deliver whole system change to children and young people's emotional and mental health support and service provision in the city. The plan was submitted to and assured by NHS in order for Leeds (as a city) to receive new national funding – circa £1.5m. The LTP is appended to this report, alongside an update on recent developments and a position statement against each of the recommendations within the Board's previous report.
- 2.5 Appropriate representatives have been invited to the meeting to assist the Scrutiny Board in its consideration of the initial response.

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 That the Scrutiny Board considers this report and attachments, and determines any future scrutiny actions or activity

### **4. Background papers<sup>1</sup>**

- 4.1 None used.

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.