

Children's services re-procurement

Clinical cabinet – 8 March 2018

Questions and statements

Question 1: Director of Finance – How do we ensure that there is a better level of investment into CAMHS services and support to children and young people? How do we support those admitted to acute hospitals to move on to a more appropriate setting once their physical needs have been treated? How do we prioritise this across our system?

Answer 1: It was acknowledged that there had been significant additional funding and focus as a result of the publication of the CAMHS Local Transformation Plan nationally and locally. The publication of the Green Paper "*Transforming children and young people's mental health provision*" was noted and discussed that there is no confirmed new funding for this Green Paper as yet.

Statement 1: GP – there are challenges in continuing the funding of the early help for mental health service in the Devon County Council part of the county.

Answer: It was noted that there is a significant reduction in the public health grant nationally. DCC is seeking to agree funding with partners from health and education in order to try and maintain the service. The importance of reducing the number of children who are absent from school for medical reasons was mentioned.

Statement 2: GP – it is challenging to measure the long term benefit of early help for mental health.

Statement 3: GP – Axminster project needs additional funding and local organisations to support a Lottery Bid.

Answer: Programme Manager for this STP work stream to make contact with the project to see what support for the bid can be offered.