

Committee	Children and Young People Select Committee	Item No.	3
Report Title	Referral to Mayor & Cabinet on 30 January 2018 - CAMHS Funding		
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Class	Part 1	Date:	28 June 2018

1. Summary

The Children and Young People Select Committee made a referral to the Mayor & Cabinet on 30 January 2018, asking that the decision to reduce the council's contribution to CAMHS funding be reconsidered.

When a Select Committee refers a matter to the Mayor & Cabinet, the Mayor & Cabinet usually instructs officers to prepare a response and report back to the Mayor & Cabinet within 2 months. The Mayor & Cabinet then formally responds to the Select Committee.

2. Purpose of the Report

This reports provides a progress update to the Children and Young People Select Committee regarding the referral on CAMHS funding that this committee made on 30 January 2018.

3. Recommendations

The Select Committee is recommended to note the content of this report, and ask that the September meeting of the Committee considers the Mayor and Cabinet's updated report on CAMHS.

4. Background

- 4.1 In January, the CYP Select Committee made a referral to Mayor & Cabinet asking that the proposed reductions to the council's contribution to CAMHS funding be reconsidered.
- 4.2 In February, the former Mayor noted the CAMHS referral, pending receipt of a report on points 7a to 7f in the minute below. An update on CAMHS is scheduled for consideration by the new Mayor & Cabinet on 11 July 2018.
- 4.3 The relevant minute is as follows:

“The Mayor reported the Chair of the Children and Young People Select Committee, Councillor Sorba, was unable to attend but had spoken to him regarding the referral from his Select Committee. Councillor Hall addressed the Mayor confirming the Business Panel’s support for the views expressed by the Select Committee. In considering the referrals the Mayor recalled that in 2017 he had agreed to monitor progress because of the concerns which had been expressed and he therefore agreed to adopt the course of action shown in the resolution below.

Having considered referrals by the Children and Young People Select Committee and the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel and a presentation by the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, the Mayor, from the options available to him:

RESOLVED:

- (1) to note the referrals from the CYP Select Committee and Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel;
- (2) to note that when in February 2017 the Council’s funding of CAMHS was agreed in the context of the overall savings required to balance the Council’s budget it was also agreed to monitor progress on those savings in the light of concerns about the negative impact of them and that such review should enable such negative impacts to be mitigated;
- (3) to note that since 2010 Central Government has reduced its support to local government but maintained levels of funding for NHS services overall while failing to fund inflation and demand changes for both sectors;
- (4) to note that the decision was taken in the context of a Redesign of Lewisham CAMHS involving substantial changes and investment by both the CCG and Lewisham Council;
- (5) to note that Mayor & Cabinet has not as yet considered a review of the implementation of the changes agreed in 2016;
- (6) to note that concern has been expressed by service providers that the further demand changes have occurred since February 2016 which are negating the assurances given at that time about the future capacity of the service to meet the needs of its users;
- (7) Require the implementation of the savings for the financial years 2018-19 and 2019-20, which were part of the decision in February 2016, to be halted and a report to be brought to M&C addressing the following matters:-
 - a. The impact of the saving already made on levels of service and in particular waiting lists.

b. Overall changes in funding for CAMHS with particular regard to the delivery of the additional funding referred to in the report in 2017 by both LBL and the CCG.

c. Demand changes in Child and Young People's mental health.

d. Any changes to Government Policy since February 2017 in relation to Child and Young People's mental health services.

e. The potential for reducing back office costs within CAMHS to enable direct services to users to be protected.

f. Alternative savings within the Children and Young Peoples budget equivalent to those currently planned for CAMHS in 2018-19 and 2019-20.

(8) To inform Lewisham CCG of this decision and request that any planned reduction in the CAMHS budget from the CCG also be halted pending the consideration of the report outlined above."

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Item 3a (supplementary) – CAMHS Update to the CYP Select Committee, 30 January 2018

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s54790/3aCAMHSbriefingCYPSC300118.pdf>

Comments of the Children and Young People Select Committee on CAMHS Funding. Report to Mayor & Cabinet 14 February 2018

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s55186/Referral%20from%20CYP%20SC%20on%20CAMHS.pdf>

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