

DECISION-MAKER:	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY PANEL
SUBJECT:	CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT - CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER
DATE OF DECISION:	4 NOVEMBER 2021
REPORT OF:	COUNCILLOR GUTHRIE CHAIR – CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY PANEL

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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	
BRIEF SUMMARY	
In light of the increase in demand for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), the Chair has requested that CAMH services for Southampton's children and young people are considered by the Panel, with a focus on the support for care experienced children and young people.	
RECOMMENDATIONS:	
(i)	That the Panel considers the appended briefing paper on mental health support for children and adolescents in Southampton and discusses the content with the invited guests.
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS	
1.	To enable the Panel to scrutinise mental health services for children and young people in Southampton.
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
2.	None.
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
3.	In comparison to pre-Covid levels, referrals to Southampton's CAMHS have increased considerably. From April -June 2021 there was an 87% increase in referrals compared to April - June 2019. Referral numbers are continuing to increase, and this is increasing pressure on waiting times for services.
4.	Attached as Appendix 1 is a briefing paper on CAMH services in Southampton. The paper includes a specific focus on the support being provided for our care experienced children and young people.
5.	Claire Robinson, Clinical Director for Child and Family Services at Solent NHS Trust has been invited to attend the meeting to introduce the report and to respond to relevant questions from the Panel.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue/Property/Other</u>	
6.	None
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
7.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
8.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
9.	Measures to address the CAMH service challenges are outlined in the attached briefing paper.
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
10.	<p>The Corporate Plan 2021-2025 includes the following paragraph relating to Wellbeing:</p> <p><i>'We are committed to improving health and learning for our children and adults across the city. Through the journey of our UK City of Culture 2025 bid, we want a city in which people can start well, live well, age well, and live happy and fulfilling lives. We will be a city that prevents and intervenes early, promotes wellbeing, and allows people to live independently for longer, enjoying their lives and all our great city has to offer.'</i></p> <p>The Southampton City Health and Care Strategy 2020-2025 includes the following aim under the Start Well objective:</p> <p><i>'In five years time, we want children and young people in Southampton to live happy, healthy lives, with good levels of physical and mental wellbeing.'</i></p>

KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	Briefing paper – Child and Adolescent Mental Health Support: Children Looked After

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out?	No
Data Protection Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out?	No

Other Background Documents	
Other Background documents available for inspection at:	
Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None