

SOUTHAMPTON CHILD & ADOLESCENT
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FORUM

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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VISION

To provide a forum for reviewing existing service provision across all agencies (statutory and independent) to explore the potential for developing a more integrated, inter-agency CAMHS service in Southampton City, maximising the resources available from all agencies for emotional well being and mental health for the benefit of service users.

AIM

To steer the implementation of a strategy for children and young people's mental health services in Southampton, in the context of Every Child Matters, National Service Framework, Children and Young Peoples Plan and LAA, in order to achieve accessible, co-ordinated services that are based on identified need and make the best use of the resources available.

CORE PRINCIPLES

- The views and experiences of users/carers will be actively sought and used to inform service planning and delivery.
- Service strategy will be continuously evaluated and updated, and informed by the active involvement of staff at all levels and evidence based practice.
- The delivery of the strategy should be inclusive of all children/young people
- Implementation of the strategy should take into account the full continuum of services, regardless of differences in the way services are commissioned or provided

OBJECTIVES

- To inform and contribute to the development of inter-agency strategy for Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in Southampton City
- To agree development priorities for Southampton City CAMHS
- To ensure that strategies and priorities are based on clearly identified need
- To ensure that users and carers are consulted and involved in service planning and delivery
- To ensure that development of CAMHS takes account of best practice and is responsive to national as well as local objectives and priorities
- To seek opportunities to increase resources through influencing policy, commissioning and planning mechanisms.

- To provide an opportunity for agencies to come together and share information, good practice, needs and gap analysis
- Maintain and evaluate SCPCT Action Plans
- Audit and evaluate spend against CAMHS Grant
- Maintain and evaluate outcomes on projects funded by forum
- Provide strategy group with yearly report on CAMHS Forum and delayed strategy

FORMAT

The Southampton City CAMHS Forum will meet on a monthly basis and will report to the Multi Agency Strategic Group and Be Healthy Sub Group which in turn reports to the Children's Trust.

It is envisaged that specific pieces of CAMHS work requested by the Forum could be undertaken by task groups.

MEMBERSHIP (this is an indicative list and not exclusive)

- **Health Representation**
Head of CAMHS & Child Clinical Psychology
Lead CAMHS Psychiatrist, SUHT
Manager for Health Visiting and School Nursing
Lead CAMHS Psychiatrist
Saucepans Team Leader
Strategic Lead for Young People
Strategic Lead for Primary Mental Health
- **Safeguarding**
Service Manager, Family Support
Team Manager, Pathways
- **Education Representation**
Principle Educational Psychologist
- **Young People and Community Support**
To be confirmed.
- **Children's Alliance**
No Limits
Fairbridge
Hampton Trust
- **Youth Offending Team**
Area Manager Wessex Youth Offending Team
Police
CTCG

- **Adult Mental Health**
To be confirmed.
- **PALS**
- **UCIS**