

**Child Mental Health & Well-being Support and Services - Report of Committee's  
Task & Finish Group**

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**Reason for the Report**

1. This report enables the Committee to approve the draft report of this Committee's Task & Finish Group, copy attached at **Appendix A**.

**Background**

2. At its meeting in September 2018 the Committee agreed to undertake a Task & Finish group to investigate "Child Mental Health Support and Services" The Committee agreed the Terms of Reference for the task group:
  - To identify procedures in to help support Education staff and Pupils who feel they have Mental Health and wellbeing concerns and reduce the number of children & young people accessing the CAHMS services.
  - To work in partnership with the Education Directorate, Children's Services, Youth Council and the University Health Board (CAHMS)
  - To receive evidence from stakeholders and young people on the key aspects of the policy.
  - To present the Policy to the Cabinet, University Health Board, Youth Council and key stakeholders.
3. Members of the Task & Finish group were:
  - Councillor Mike Phillips (Task Group Chairman)
  - Councillor Lee Bridgeman (Committee Chairman)
  - Patricia Arlotte - Committee co-optee (Catholic Diocesan)

- Karen Dell' Armi – Committee co-optee (Parent Governor)
- Councillor Rhys Taylor – (Committee Member)
- Councillor Ashley Lister - (Assistant Cabinet member)
- Jenny Hughes - (Senior Achievement Leader Inclusion Education)
- Finn Madell (Service Manager, Safeguarding Services)
- Rose Whittle - (Head of Operations & Delivery, Community Child Health Cardiff & Vale University Health Board)
- Katie Simpson – (CAMHS Repatriation Project Manager, C&V UHB)
- Fahadi Mukulu – Youth Council
- Ffion Humphreys - Youth Council
- Rebecca Crump – Committee co- optee (Parent Governor) Term ended August 2019

4 The Task Group reviewed the evidence gathered from discussions with the Chairman of the Welsh Government Children & Young People and Education Committee, Welsh Government Education Staff, The Children's Commissioner and Policy Officer, The Police and Crime Commissioner and Staff Officer, Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service Staff, representatives from Action for Children, Samaritans, Wales Mental Health Foundation, Cardiff University Researcher and the Former Deputy Head at Monmouth Comprehensive School, Parents Group representative and representatives from the Cardiff Youth Council. The Members also reviewed a number of publications and reports. As a result of the analysis and assessment of the evidence gathered throughout the Inquiry a number of key findings were identified from which a number of recommendations were agreed, as set out in the attached report at **Appendix A.**

## **Way Forward**

5 The draft report of the Task & Finish Group, is attached at **Appendix A.** Members' attention is particularly drawn to the recommendations section.

- 6 Members may wish to consider the report, make any amendments and agree whether to approve the report to be considered by the Cabinet and Cardiff's Public Services Board.

### **Legal Implications**

- 7 The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not making policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

### **Financial Implications**

- 8 The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not making policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is recommended to:

- Consider the draft report of the Task and Finish Group, copy attached at **Appendix A.**
- Endorse the report, subject to any comments the Committee may wish to make, for submission to the Cabinet and the Cardiff Public Services Board.

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