

**CORPORATE PARENTING
ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

26 JUNE 2023

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, CHILDRENS SERVICES

CHILDRENS SERVICES EMOTIONAL WELLBEING PROJECT

Reasons for the Report

1. To provide the Committee with an update in relation to the Children's Services Emotional Wellbeing project.

Background

2. During the COVID-19 pandemic Cardiff experienced an increase in the number of children and young people presenting to emergency units following self-harm or suicide attempts.
3. Whilst the majority of young people were able to be discharged back to their homes or previous placements once they were medically fit, there were a small but growing number of young people who did not meet the criteria for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) or tier 4 in-patient support because their needs were not best described as related to a 'mental illness' but did require ongoing support to enable them to safely return to living within the community.
4. In response, with partners, a multiagency project has been established within the Regional Partnership Arrangements to improve outcomes for children and young people in emotional crisis and the presentation in Appendix A outlines the approach and progress to date.

Financial Implications

5. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report but if in the implementation of this project, financial costs are identified then the funding source needs to be identified prior to spending.

Legal Implications

6. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION

7. To note the Children's Services Emotional Wellbeing project and make any observations or comments and, if appropriate agree how the implementation of this project is reported to this committee going forward.

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Appendix A: Presentation