

Agenda Item: 06.07



Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin Board Meeting

Date of meeting:

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Title:

YOUTH Report

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For Information

Executive Summary:

Progress report on work of Youth Network.

Financial Implications:

Delegated Approval has been given by CO for the purchasing of Survey Monkey which will ensure greater efficiency in the compilation of this report and be used extensively by officers in future work

Equality and Diversity:

The survey includes a demographic information which will be monitored to ensure a representative sample is gathered.

Public Engagement:

None specifically

Legal Impact:

None specifically

HR Impact:

This project will require input from CO and staff to guide and supervise Volunteers in uploading survey information received and in the preparation of the report. The Youth planning group will monitor the project.

Recommendations:

- Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin board are recommended to note the contents of this report

Is there a need to consider inclusion in the Corporate Risk Register?

No

- Seven planning meetings have been held since last Public Board meeting and meetings held with Public Health and the Head of CCG with responsibilities for Children's Mental health

- Numbers attending

Four members of Youth, Chief Officer and Board members

- Topics discussed

The meetings held with Public Health and CCG looked at the need to engage with Young people, particularly in their school environment to examine Young people's knowledge and experience of Mental Health Services.

It was agreed that this information would be extremely useful in highlighting young people's knowledge of mental health services in Telford and Wrekin and provide the Commissioners with essential feedback which could be used in the final design of the new CAMS service for the future.

- Actions Taken

The Youth planning group designed a Survey form (See attached) which has been Circulated to 15 schools in the Borough. To date we have received excellent responses from 3 schools and it is planned for all schools to return survey responses by the 29/01/2016.

- Next Steps

To upload information received from Surveys returned and complete Draft report ASAP

The CCG have indicated to us that following on from the successful completion of Report they are keen to continuing working with Healthwatch to explore the feasibility of them training members of the Youth Network to become Peer workers who could be available to meet young people in their school environments. It is felt that this could prevent many young people from formally accessing CAMS if mental health issues were addressed earlier and support could be given to young people as soon as possible.