



STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT – MEETING 18 MAY 2005

1. ACTIVITIES:

Higher Education Institutions:

The partnership between Greenwich, Kent and Christ Church is developing. They have set up a joint working group and are looking at issues of accreditation and a co-ordinator post.

The Maidstone Multi-Agency Interface Project (MMAIP)

This project continues to grow with the further developments of the tier 2 service. We have also piloted Child Observation training. In the process of looking at Action Research training for the Mental Health Specialist Interest Group to collect evidence of changes in practice.

Solihull Approach Train the Trainer Project in East Kent:

A train the trainer programme to be rolled out across East Kent for school years and early years practitioners. It will entail training a multi-agency core group of trainers who will cascade the training and provide ongoing support with the support of the local Specialist CAMHS Teams. The roll out will be planned and co-ordinated by the consortia's CAMHS Local Implementation Groups. The Children's Consortia and Preventative Strategy Group have agreed to the rolling out of this approach for the whole of Kent.

Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley:

Beginning process of looking at the links between PCT community practitioners, Specialist CAMHS and Sure Start in terms of joint working, support, supervision, consultation and training.

Specialist CAMHS Teams

Training and development through University of Kent – piloting of work based team-focused modules as part of MSc. in Mental Health Studies.

Exploring their role in supporting front-line workers (MMAIP, Solihull Approach, Skills Seminars)

Child Primary Mental Health Worker (CPMHW)

The competency framework is now finalised. Training is being rolled out from University of Kent.

Sure Start

Development of Training Framework for issue related to mental health

Piloting of Training around children's mental health and emotional well-being

Development of mental health resources for parents and carers

Gay and Lesbian Teenagers:

I have set up a multi-agency group to look at service provision for gay and lesbian teenagers. We are also looking at the training needs of staff working with young people in terms of issues relating to sexuality.

CAMHS Planning Groups

- Canterbury CAMHS LIG
- Dover CAMHS LIG
- Swale CAMHS LIG
- CONCORDAT

Other Training:

- Family therapy training
- Child Psychotherapy training
- Supervision training
- ASIST

2. ISSUES REQUIRING INPUT FROM STEERING COMMITTEE:

- a. Meeting with the Children's Executive
- b. Multi-Agency Funding
- c. Extending the term of the project
- d. Core Capabilities as a standard for Kent
- e. Joint meeting between Higher Education institutions and Commissioners

NB: Change in date of next meeting:

Next meeting 20 September 2005, 1 to 4 p.m.