

CHILDREN'S AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH (CAMH)

To: Cambridgeshire Schools Forum

Date: 24th June 2016

From: Meredith Teasdale, Service Director, Strategy and Commissioning

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1. To provide an update to the Schools Forum on the Children and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMH) service.

2.0 CAMH UPDATE

- 2.1. At the meeting of the Schools Forum held on 15th January 2016, concern was expressed at the reduced resources available for child and adolescent mental health services in Cambridgeshire and the increasingly long waiting times for specialist mental health assessments. It was agreed that an information paper should be submitted to a future meeting of the Forum outlining the issues facing CAMH services and the action already taking place and planned to address these issues.
- 2.2. A copy of a report being submitted to the meeting of the County Council's Children and Young People Committee on 8th March 2016 is attached at Appendix A to this report. The report provides an update on CAMH waiting lists and progress made to reduce waiting times, together with proposals to further improve emotional health and wellbeing services in Cambridgeshire.
- 2.2. The Service Director, Strategy and Commissioning, will be in attendance at the Forum's meeting to present the item and provide any further update following the Committee's meeting.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1. **The Forum is requested to note the update on CAMH, as set out at Appendix A.**