



AGENDA

SELECT COMMITTEE - CORPORATE PARENTING

Monday, 2nd March, 2015, at 2.00 pm

Ask for: **Denise Fitch/Gaetano Romagnuolo**

**Swale 3, Sessions House, County Hall,
Maidstone**

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Tea/Coffee will be available 15 minutes before the start of the meeting in the meeting room

Membership

Mrs Z Wiltshire (Chairman), Mr R E Brookbank, Ms C J Cribbon, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr B Neaves, Mr M J Northey, Mr R J Parry, Mrs P A V Stockell and Mrs J Whittle

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

(During these items the meeting is likely to be open to the public)

1. Apologies for absence
2. **2.00pm-** Susan Cruickshank - CAMHS Clinical Lead for Children in Care in Kent & Medway, Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust. (Pages 3 - 6)
3. **3.00pm** - Nancy Sayer - Designated Nurse for Looked After Children for Kent and Medway (Pages 7 - 10)
4. Wrap up sessions to identify key points from hearing sessions

EXEMPT ITEMS

(At the time of preparing the agenda there were no exempt items. During any such items which may arise the meeting is likely NOT to be open to the public)

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Susan Cruickshank, CAMHS Clinical Lead for Children in Care in Kent & Medway, Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust.

Susan Cruickshank is the CAMHS Clinical Lead for children in care in Kent & Medway.

In Kent the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) is provided by the Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust.

The Trust is commissioned to deliver:

- a targeted service for children, young people and their families with additional needs and
- a specialist service for children, young people and their families with complex needs.

CAMHS in Kent operates from four hubs. These are:

- South - Folkestone
- East - Canterbury.
- North and West Kent - Maidstone
- Medway – Gillingham

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Hearing 3

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Witness Guide for Members

Below are suggested themes and questions. They have been provided in advance to the witnesses to allow them to prepare for the types of issues that Members may be interested to explore. All Members are welcome to ask these questions or pose additional ones to the witnesses via the Committee Chairman.

Themes and Questions

Susan Cruickshank, CAMHS Clinical Lead for Children in Care in Kent & Medway, Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust.

- Please introduce yourself and outline the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- Please provide a brief description of the key services offered by KCC's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) to children and young people in care in Kent.
- To what extent does the prevalence of mental health issues amongst children and young people in care in Kent differ from that of their peers?
- Are looked-after children and young people in Kent a priority group for accessing mental health services in the County? If so, in what ways is this priority reflected?
- What are the main issues – if any - surrounding the provision of mental health services to children and young people in care in Kent?
- In your view, what can Kent County Council, and KCC Members in particular, do to resolve these issues?
- In your opinion, to what extent is collaborative working between KCC and external agencies effective in the provision of quality mental health services to children and young people in care in Kent?
- What are, in your opinion, the other key issues with regards to children and young people in care in Kent?

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Nancy Sayer, Designated Nurse for Looked After Children for Kent and Medway

Nancy has worked with looked after children since 2005. Prior to this she worked as a school nurse covering a number of schools in Maidstone and Medway.

Nancy worked as the Designated Nurse for LAC (looked after children) in Medway from 2005 to 2014. During this time she developed the service from one part-time Designated Nurse with administrative support to a team of 4 full-time nurses, a full-time Lead Nurse and a part-time Care Leavers Nurse.

While building the LAC health team Nancy contributed to the development of a LAC web-based database which has been vital to improving the service by ensuring that: up-to-date health information is available to the team; appointments/attendance is tracked; and health information obtained during health assessments is recorded. This not only supports the child/young person's health outcomes but also provides information on the health needs of the LAC population - vital to the planning and commissioning of health services.

In March 2014 Nancy was appointed Designated Nurse for LAC across Kent and Medway. Her role includes:

- providing strategic leadership and direction for LAC
- offering advice to the 8 Clinical Commissioning Groups across Kent and Medway
- working closely with Medway Council and Kent County Council to improve the health outcomes of local looked after children.

Nancy is a member of the Medway Corporate Parenting Board and the Kent Corporate Parenting Group.

Role of the Designated Nurse for Looked After Children

In line with NHS England's Accountability and Assurance Framework, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) should have appropriate systems in place for discharging their responsibilities for safeguarding. This includes securing the expertise of designated doctors and nurses for looked after children.

The designated nurse role is to assist CCGs in fulfilling their responsibilities as commissioners of services to improve the health of LAC. Designated nurses achieve this by delivering expert strategic leadership and direction for looked after children, maintaining and improving the quality of services and contributing to the planning and commissioning of new services for these children.

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- Please introduce yourself and provide a brief description of the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- Please provide an outline of the health needs of children and young people in care in Kent.
- What services are offered to support the physical and mental health of children and young people in care in Kent?
- In your view, how good are joint planning arrangements for the placement of children with additional needs?
- What mechanisms are in place to facilitate collaboration between agencies to meet the health and well-being needs of looked-after children in Kent?
- There are 7 Clinical Commissioning Groups in Kent; what is in place to ensure joined-up working on the Kent-wide children in care agenda?
- What mechanisms are in place to provide the Kent Corporate Parenting Panel with assurance that children and young people in care's health needs are being met? In your view, are other measures necessary in order to achieve this?
- What else – if anything – can KCC, and KCC Members in particular, do in order to fulfil their corporate parenting role with regards to improving the health outcomes of children and young people in care in Kent?

- Are there any other issues, with relevance to the review, which you would like to raise with the Committee?