Hackney

Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission

25th February 2019

Item – Wellbeing and Mental Health in Schools (WAMHS)

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Outline

In February 2018, the Commission held round table discussion with a number of providers in the CAMHS alliance to discuss how the mental health needs of young people were being addressed in Hackney. Subsequent to that meeting, the Commission agreed to receive an update on the work of the WAMHS project which aims to develop the wellbeing and mental health support to schoolchildren in Hackney.

In addition to the project update, the Commission will hear from two case study schools who have agreed to share their experiences of WAMHS and how this has helped support children in their school.

Presentation WAMHS project in Schools (15-20 mins)

- Sophie McElroy, CAMHS Alliance Project Manager
- Helena Burke, Leadership & Management Adviser, HLT
- Waveney Patel, Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Homerton Hospital

Case study schools (5mins x 2)

- Victoria Simmons, Deputy Head Teacher, Baden Powell School (Primary)
- Peter McEvoy, Deputy Head, Cardinal Pole School (Secondary)

In attendance

- Greg Condon, Mental Health Programme Manager, NHS City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group
- Ruth Kossoff, Joint Head of Service, East London Foundation trust
- Amy Wilkinson, Integrated Commissioning Workstream Director, Children, Young People and Maternity Services
- Laura Smith, Clinical Lead, Children's Social Care, Hackney Learning Trust

Q & A Discussion with the Commission (30-35mins)