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Minutes of the **MEETING of the CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose on Thursday, 7th September, 2017 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:

Mr N Begy	Mr E Baines
Mr B Callaghan	Mr J Lammie
Mr R Foster	Mr D Wilby

APOLOGIES:

Mr J Dale	Mrs L Stephenson
Mr A Menzies	

OFFICERS

PRESENT:

Dr T O'Neill	Director for People
Ms B Caffrey	Head of Early Intervention, SEND and Inclusion
Mrs G Curtis	Head of Learning and Skills
Miss D Greaves	Finance Manager Accounting (for part of the meeting)
Ms R Wilshere	Head of Children Social Care
Miss M Gamston	Corporate Support Officer

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ATTENDANCE:

Mr A McKeown	Head of Service for Specialised Children's Services and Learning Disability Services, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust
Mrs E Egan Morriss	Future in Mind – Children and Young Peoples Mental Health and Wellbeing Transformation Programme Manager, Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group
Mr M Roberts	Assistant Director, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

218 RECORD OF MEETING

The minutes of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel held on 22 June 2017, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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Actions from the previous meeting (22 June 2017):

<u>Minute Number/Title</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Further Information</u>
73/Quarter 4 Finance Management Report	In progress	Response to be sent to Miss Waller
74/Quarter 4 Performance Management Report	Completed	Revised Children's Performance Scorecard
75/SEND and Inclusion Transformation Update	In progress	Would be available for next meeting (23 November 2017)

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219 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item 10	Mr B Callaghan	Mr Callaghan declared a personal interest as he was a governor at Casterton College.
Agenda Item 10	Mrs L Stephenson	Mrs Stephenson declared a personal interest as she was a teacher at Leighfield Primary School. (Written declaration.)

220 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

No petitions, deputations or questions had been received from members of the public.

221 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS

In accordance with Procedure Rules No. 219 and No. 219A the following question had been received from Mr Begy.

"It is my understanding that £2m was made available to the CCG by the Department of Health and the NHS for Future in Mind for the wellbeing of young people's mental health across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Can it be confirmed the amount of this that was spent on the Future in Mind project and what happened to the rest? Can there be any reassurance that in future all the designated funding will reach its intended destination?"

The Director for People, Dr O'Neill, advised that the question would be responded to under Agenda Item 9, within the dedicated Future In Mind presentation.

222 NOTICES OF MOTION FROM MEMBERS

No notice of motions had been received from Members.

223 CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE PANEL FOR A DECISION IN RELATION TO CALL IN OF A DECISION

No matter was referred to the Panel in relation to the call-in of a decision in accordance with Procedure Rule 206.

224 QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT 2017-18

Report No. 141/2017 from the Chief Executive was received.

The purpose of the report was to provide Cabinet with strategic oversight of the Council's performance for the first quarter of 2017/18 in delivering its Corporate Plan Aims and Objectives.

The report was taken without debate.

AGREED

That the Panel **NOTED** the report.

225 QUARTER 1 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT

Report No. 147/2017 from the Director for Resources was received.

The purpose of the report was to inform Cabinet and all Members of the full year forecast position as at Quarter 1 for 2017/18 and to highlight issues that may impact on the Medium Term Financial Plan to enable them to maintain sound financial management of the Council's operations.

The report was taken without debate.

AGREED

That the Panel **NOTED** the report.

226 CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH/CAMHS

Presentations were received from Elaine Egan Morriss, Future in Mind – Children and Young Peoples Mental Health and Wellbeing Transformation Programme Manager, Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group; and Adam McKeown, Head of Service for Specialised Children's Services and Learning Disability Services, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) and Mark Roberts, Assistant Director, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS).

Copies of the presentations are attached.

During discussion the following points were noted:

Following the Future In Mind presentation:

- i) That the Early Help support in Rutland was good.

- ii) All earmarked funds, Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR), had been released within timescales. The Director for People, Dr O'Neill undertook that a written summary document would be provided indicating how the funds had been spent.
- iii) Regular Future In Mind reports on outcomes, in a RAG format to allow Members to concentrate on any areas of concern, would be welcomed by the Panel.
- iv) Future In Mind looked to build resilience in schools; to build a culture around mental and emotional wellbeing.
- v) Team 0–18 years worked with schools.
- vi) Stakeholder events had been held to enable teachers to have an understanding of the pathway.
- vii) All schools had a key person within the resilience programme.
- viii) That it was vital to recognise early symptoms within the school environment.
- ix) That children and young people were evaluating the service and Healthwatch would be delivering a survey of the whole programme.
- x) Online counselling service – Rutland contacts proportionally quite high (126 of 541). Members were advised that the data was being looked at to give an understanding of why this was the case and why a significant majority were girls. Mrs Egan Morriss undertook to report back on the outcome.
- xi) The programme was aware of the drop in pastoral care at the transition point between primary and secondary school.

Following the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service presentation:

- xii) 0–18 service commissioned. It was recognised nationally that transition to Community Mental Health Teams in adult directorates was not good. National commissioning policy where the cohort 17 was years+; for CAMHS to link effectively, a multi-disciplinary handover of care to adult services or the PCT needed to begin at 17 ½ years.
- xiii) CAMHS was advocating for 0–25 year service to allow for a more cohesive pathway.
- xiv) CAMHS was working to the Thrive model, a conceptual framework, with the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust.
- xv) The possibility of a new CAMHS site at the Glenfield site was being considered; there were no plans for a unit in Rutland.
- xvi) Members were assured that if a bed was needed it would be found to make sure a child was placed.
- xvii) Following the 2016 CQC report a robust system for the recording and updating of risk assessments and care plans had been implemented; and the IT system had been regularised across the organisation.
- xviii) The Director for People, Dr O'Neill, advised that the LPT had attended a meeting of the Chief Officer Group to describe the potential for a different way of delivering the service whilst continuing to recognise children with greater needs.
- xix) Report on future milestones and communication to be an agenda item – Spring 2018.

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Mr Baines left the meeting at 9.00 p.m. and did not return

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227 EDUCATION FRAMEWORK 2017-20

Report No. 164/2017 from the Director for People was received.

The Head of Learning and Skills, Mrs Curtis, introduced the report, the purpose of which was to inform the Panel of statutory educational duties and obligations placed on Local Authorities under section 13A of the Education Act 1996; to invite comment on the content of the Education Framework 2017-20; and to seek the endorsement of the intentions within the Education Framework 2017-20 and the Provider Prioritisation and Entitlement 2017-18.

Data relating to the Provisional Early Years, Key Stages 1, 2, 4 and 5 results for Rutland compared to national results was distributed at the meeting. Mrs Curtis noted that because this was provisional data, there is potential for LA and national data to change once this is validated. Copy attached.

Mrs Curtis advised Members that the Learning and Skills Service was at the start of its consultation with schools and education providers looking at the Framework and direction of travel; engaging with Scrutiny at an early stage with two further reports to be taken at the November meeting of this Panel.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i) The nature of the provision of education within the county relied on collaborative working.
- ii) Consultation on the Framework had been undertaken with all headteachers.

AGREED

That the Panel **ENDORSED** the intentions within the Education Framework 2017-20 and the Provider Prioritisation and Entitlement 2017-18.

228 SEND AND INCLUSION OFSTED/CQC INSPECTION

Report No. 162/2017 from the Director for People was received.

A presentation was received from Bernadette Caffrey, Head of Early Intervention, SEND and Inclusion. Copy attached.

The Director for People, Dr O'Neill encouraged Members to read the report, the purpose of which was provide the Panel with a detail of the review and inspection processes and the outcomes of both processes and next steps.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i) That the outcome of the Inspection was positive.
- ii) The Authority recognised that there were areas for development and these were being addressed.
- iii) The Panel agreed with the direction of travel.
- iv) The Portfolio Holder, Mr Foster, whilst re-emphasising the overriding number of strengths against weaknesses noted that the report did not comment on the "absolute total dedication of staff" working with the children and young people and their families.

AGREED

That the Panel **NOTED** the recommendations for future action.

229 REVIEW OF FORWARD PLAN 2017/18

Members were requested to advise the Chairman, Mr Begy, of any issues that they wished to be considered for review.

230 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

- i) Mr Callaghan raised the need to keep a focus on schools regarding absences; that the Council had a duty to ensure that schools were adhering to the policy of no absences; and that as a Panel should be highlighting this issue.

The Chairman, Mr Begy, requested that this information be added to the quarterly Performance Management Report. The Director for People, Dr O'Neill agreed that the information would be included in future reports.

- ii) The Chairman, Mr Begy, advised Members that, with their agreement, he would write to the Governing Bodies of RCC maintained schools regarding the two Parent Governor Representative vacancies. Members agreed that the Chairman would write to the Governing Bodies.

231 DATE AND PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 23 November 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

Agenda Items

1. Quarter 2 Performance Management Report
2. Quarter 2 Finance Management Report
3. Adoption Service: Annual Report
4. Audit Annual Report
5. Ofsted Action Plan: 6 month update
6. People Directorate: Fees and Charges
7. Learning and Skills Reviews including the Rutland Adult Learning and Skills Service (RALSS) Self-Assessment Report

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Following the meeting Officers confirmed that Mrs Stephenson's comments/questions relating to Agenda Items 10 and 11 had been received and where appropriate, responded to, outside of the meeting.

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.29 pm.

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Future in Mind - Children & Young Peoples Mental Health & Wellbeing



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Improving services through Partnership with LLR Future in Mind

- ‘Future in Mind: Promoting, Protecting and Improving our Children and Young People’s Mental Health and Wellbeing’ was published in 2015 by the Department of Health.
- This set out the national strategy for transforming services for children and young people with mental health and emotional difficulties.



Local Plan

The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland's Transformational Plan:-

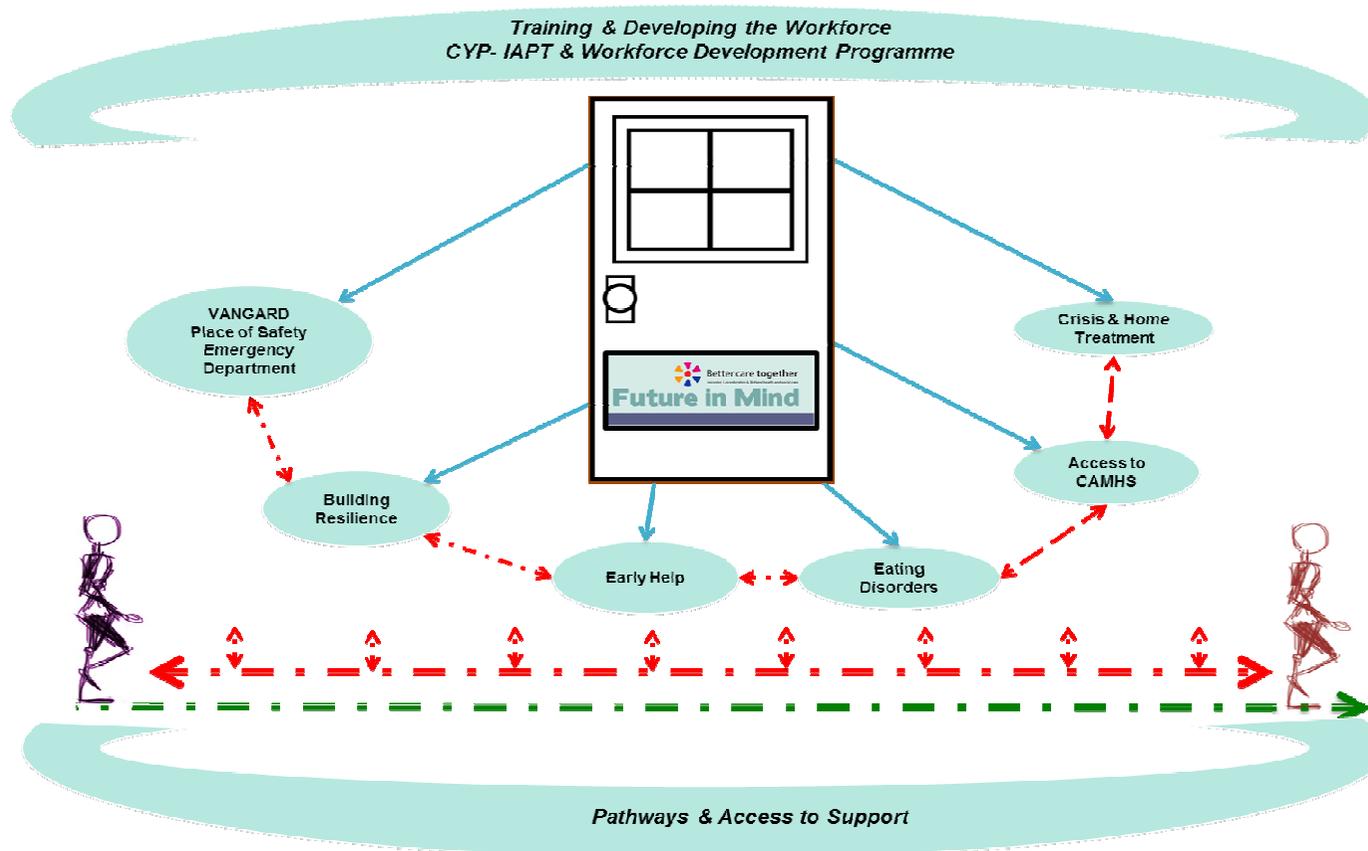
- Develop in partnership with C&YP
- Set out a multi-agency approach to improve mental health and wellbeing in children and young people (C&YP)
- Aimed to address gaps in current service provision

Outcomes

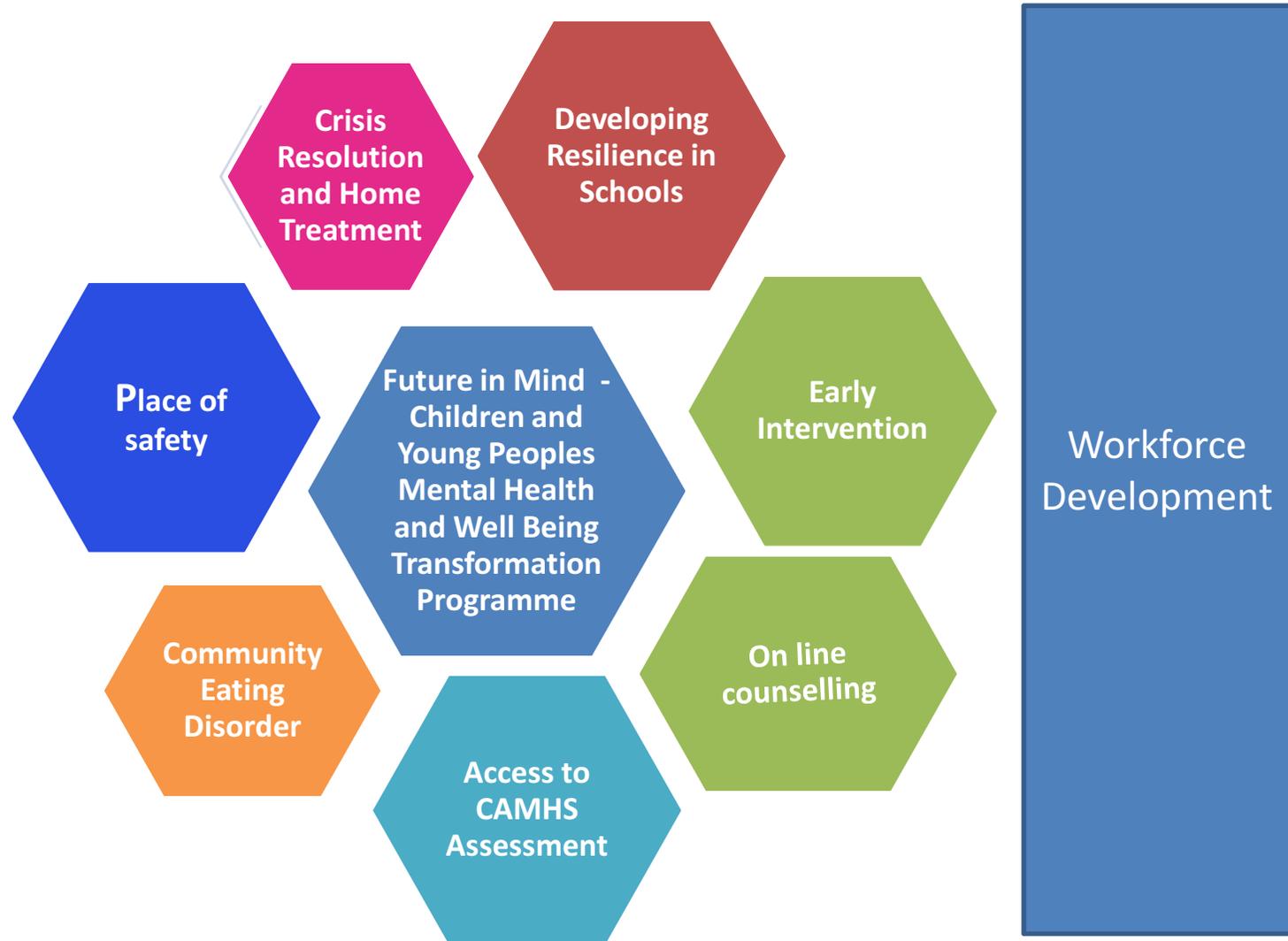
- Reduce attendance at A&E
- Improve timely access to assessment
- Increase number of staff and improve the skill mix
- Improve access to evidence based practice

Planning a Transformational Pathway

The transformation journey started with engagement events between January and March 2016, which enabled us to capture the views of children and service users. The voice of the child was used to inform the development of the pathway and identified six schemes of work that the plan should focus on:



Delivering the Transformational pathway – amended following further review and gap in services and to address wait times .



Planning and implementation - Achievements

- **The plan to implement the identified services has been achieved**

Plan to do	Achieved to date
Enhanced Community Eating Disorders Service	Launched 1 April 2016
Enhanced Access to CAMHS Assessment	Launched in August 2016
C&YP Crisis Resolution & Home Treatment	Phased in from Sept 2016 - operational April 2017
New On-line Counselling	Operational from June 2017
Developing Resilience in Schools	Set up phase from July 2017 – operational Sept 2017
Early Intervention	Procurement from June 2017 / operational April 2018
Early Intervention - Interim Solution	August 2017 – March 2018

- **The way forward is to - embed the FIM developed services**
- **Integrate ; FIM , health commissioned, LA and voluntary sector services to deliver a whole systems approach**

Performance of online counselling service

On line counselling	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	July 17
Number of New Logins (Actual)	x	x	236	178
Commissioned Number of Logins (Target)	150	150	150	
Total Number of Contacts		541		
Rutland contacts		126		
County contacts		227		
City contacts		139		
Not specified		49		

C&YP Mental & Emotional Health & Wellbeing Dashboard

Outcomes		Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17
CYP01 People in contact with children and young people's mental health services at the end of the Reporting Period	ELR	35	35			
	LC	45	40			
	WL	50	40			
MH01a People in contact with mental health services aged 0 to 18 at the end of the Reporting Period	ELR	1300	1285			
	LC	1220	1190			
	WL	1590	1590			
Reduction in in-patient admissions to CAU with MH needs (Primary Diagnosis - showing spells where the mental health codes were a primary diagnosis)	UHL	0	4	6		

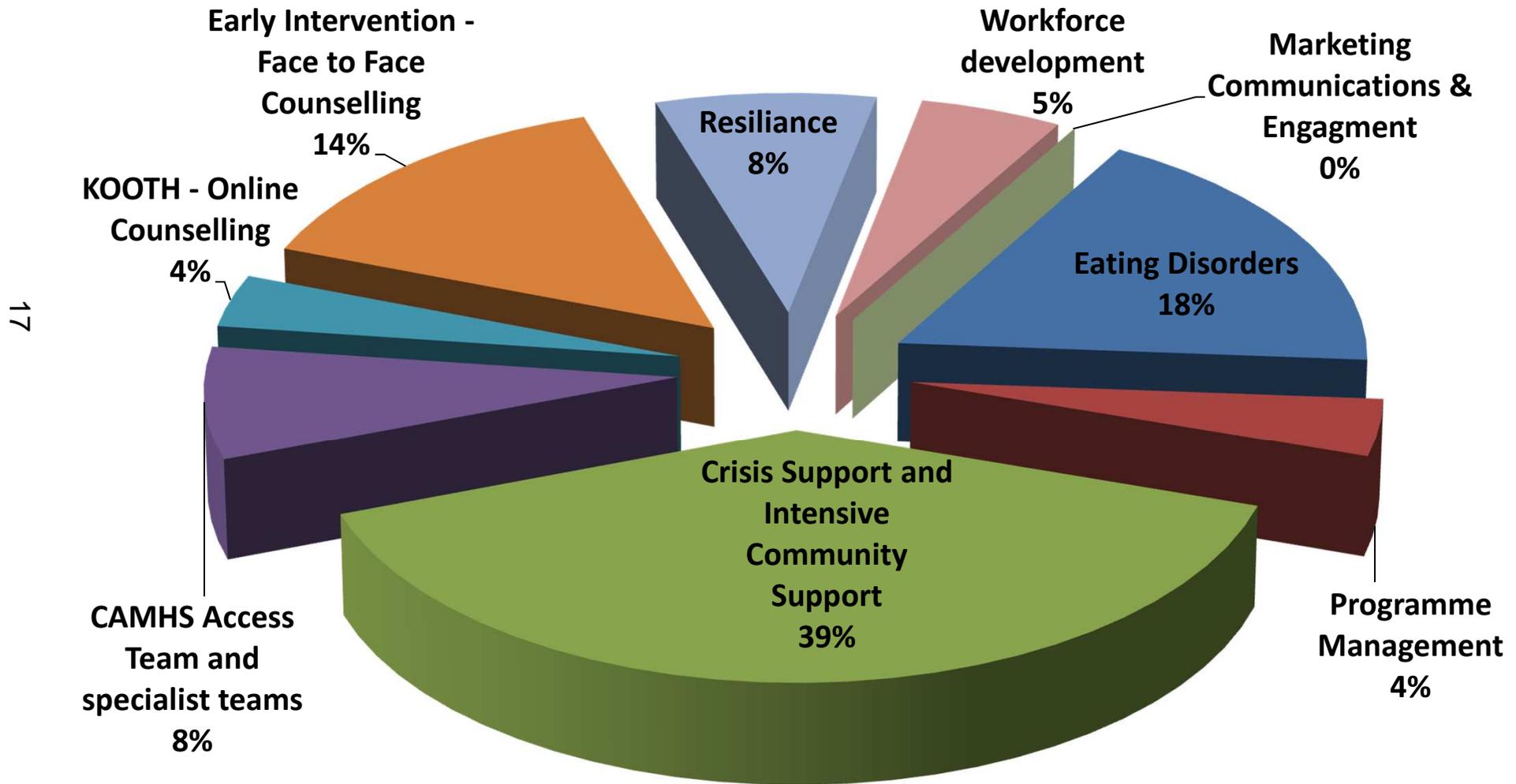
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Reduction in in-patient admissions to CAU with MH needs (Primary Diagnosis - showing spells where the mental health codes were a primary diagnosis)	UHL	0	4	6		
Reduction in in-patient admissions to CAU with MH needs (Secondary Diagnosis - patients that have had an admission to CAU and had mental health as a primary diagnosis within one of the episodes in the spell)	UHL	20	22	15		
Reduction on OOA placements complex care - shared funding	ELCCG/ Local Authorities?	8	8	8	8	8

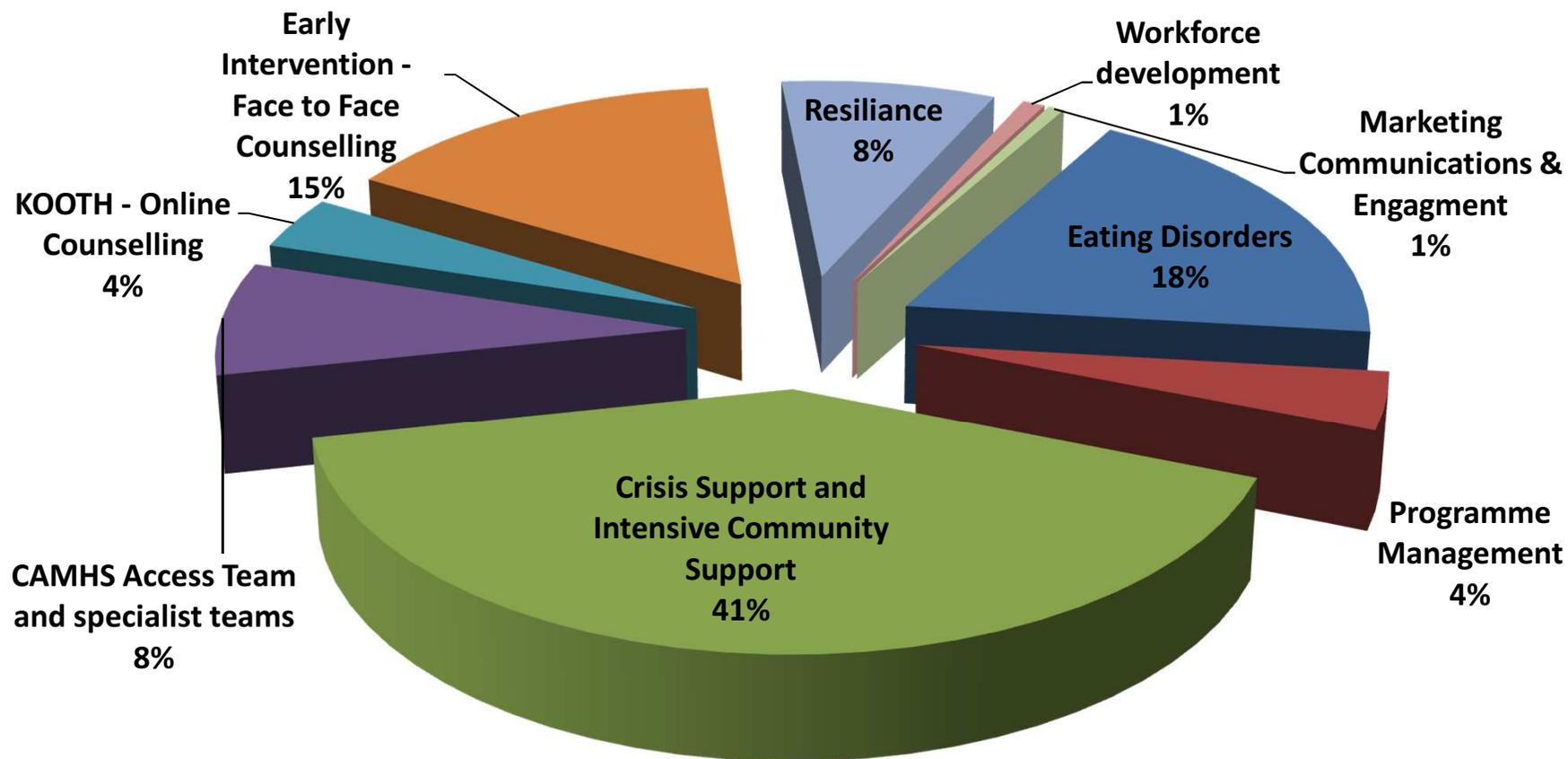
C&YP Mental & Emotional Health & Wellbeing Dashboard

Outcomes		Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17
Numbers accessing CRHTx Total Number of Referrals	LPT data	88	141	124	73
Numbers accessing CRHTx Number Assessed		54	81	62	37
Numbers accessing CRHTx Number accepted for Intensive Home Treatment Service		33	47	45	25

LLR Future in Mind Allocations 2017/18



FIM Predicted expenditure for 2017/18



Next Stage of the Transformation

Commissioners are working with providers to embed the newly developed services delivered through FIM funding

And focus on a delivering

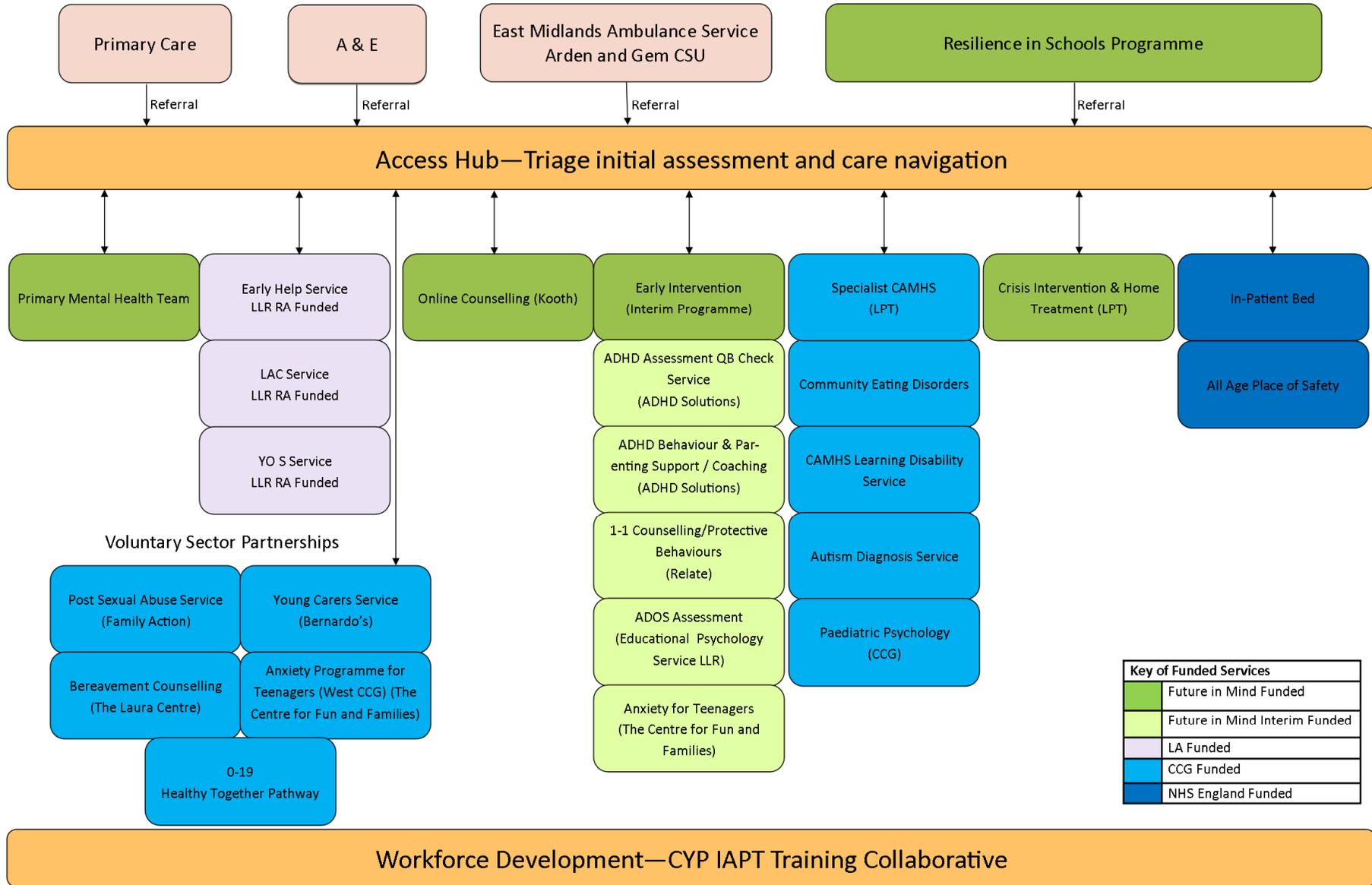
Whole Systems approach to delivering a Children and young peoples mental and emotional health and wellbeing transformation pathway of services

The next stage of the transformation - To deliver a whole systems approach for children and young people

Commissioners are leading on communication, engagement across service users, providers and stakeholders to deliver:-

- Access to a full range of mental and emotional health and well being services for C&YP
- Providers Workshops working together to deliver a cohesive pathway of services
- Improving the flow of patients through the implementation of an access hub
- Review of current services agree contract variations where necessary

Health & Emotional Wellbeing Whole System Pathway Of Services



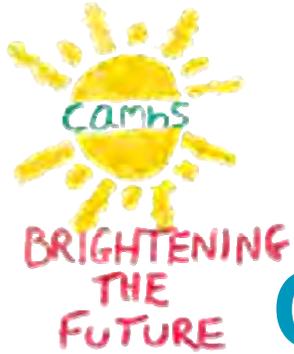
Key of Funded Services	
Green	Future in Mind Funded
Light Green	Future in Mind Interim Funded
Purple	LA Funded
Blue	CCG Funded
Dark Blue	NHS England Funded

Looking Forward

October 2017

Commissioners are holding a Children and Young Peoples mental and emotional health and well being workshop:

- To review the progress to date
- To plan the next phase of the transformation
- To inform the refresh if the current FIM Transformation Plan



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CAMHS - Childrens Scrutiny Panel Rutland

Adam McKeown – Head of FYPC Group 1 & Adult LD

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- Current overall CAMHS performance context
- Rutland specific data set
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- Transformation of service

Specialist CAMHS Service Overview

The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), within Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT)'s Families Young People and Children's directorate (FYPC), provides specialist mental health services for all children and young people up to the age of 18 years who are experiencing moderate to severe mental ill health, providing they reside and are registered with a GP in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

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What Does Our Service Do?

The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) helps children and young people who have been referred by another healthcare professional. Referrals are made if it's thought the child or young person has emotional and/or behavioural difficulties at a level which requires specialist support. We provide a range of services including initial assessments, therapy, group work, emergency assessments and in-patient care.

How Does Our Service Work?

CAMHS sees young people from across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The service also links with other children's services to offer a multi-agency approach. The team is made up of doctors, nurses, psychologists and therapists who specialise in child mental health. The support we provide varies according to need, from a one-off appointment to a programme of on-going care which lasts until the child or young person feels better and is felt to be safe.

Service Criteria (a)

Severe or life-threatening conditions

Psychosis

Risk of suicide or severe self harm

Severe depressive episode

Anorexia Nervosa

LLR CRHT / Specialist ED response

Service Criteria (b)

Severe Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

Severe anxiety / phobic / panic disorders

Bulimia Nervosa

ADHD where there is significant psychiatric co-morbidity

Autistic Spectrum disorders

Tourette's syndrome

School refusal where mental health disorder plays a significant role

Gender identity disorders

Current Performance Context

Number of patients in assessment/treatment: 4000
Number of referrals to CAMHS within 2016/17: 5351
Increase in referrals 2016/17: 19% increase in demand

CAMHS Community Performance Measures - 13 week (routine) – 97.8%
CAMHS Community Performance Measure - 4 weeks (urgent) 80.4%

CAMHS CRHT Referral – 280 (June- August)
CAMHS CRHT Team – contact within 2 hours of referral – 98%
CAMHS CRHT Team F2F conversion – 68.8%

CAMHS Inpatient Performance – average length of stay: 49 days
CAMHS Inpatient Performance – bed occupancy: 92% (2016/17)

Rutland Specific Data

Current CAMHS patients from Rutland and their age:

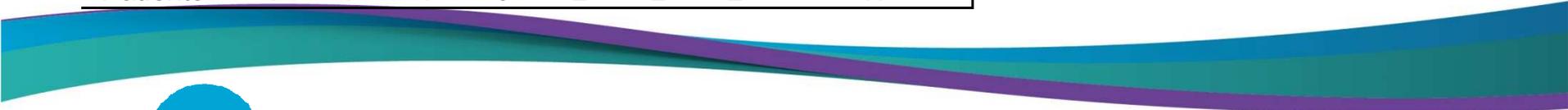
Age	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Patients	1	2	8	2	4	15	8	18	14	10	4	86

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- **2/86** patients currently on external access waiting list (under 13 weeks)
- **4/86** patients currently 'in assessment' with CAMHS access team
- **21/86** awaiting specialist treatment allocation
- **59/86** patients 'in treatment' with community CAMHS

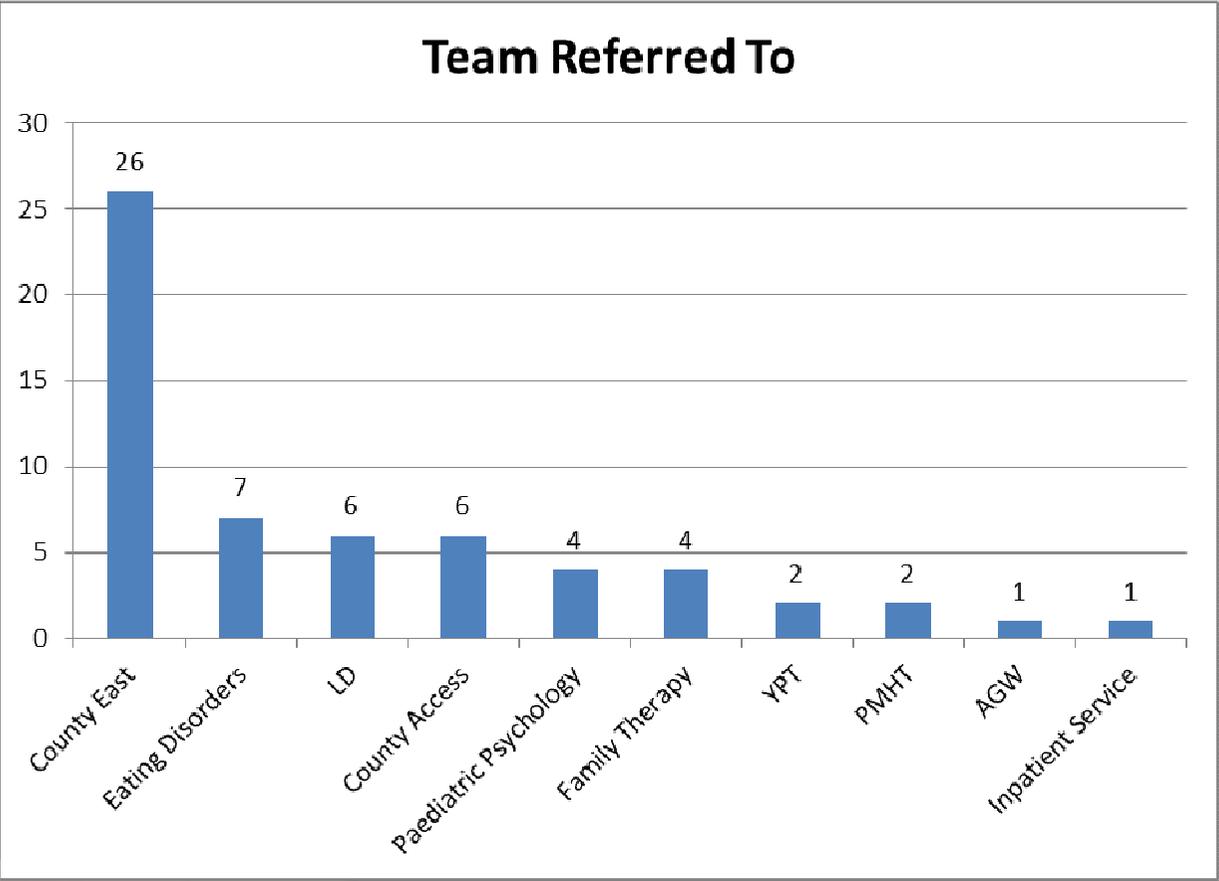
From the above patients, who are also SEND:

Age	10	11	12	13	15	16	17	Grand Total
Patients	4	1	1	5	2	2	2	17



Rutland Patients 'in access/treatment'

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2016 CQC CAMHS community findings

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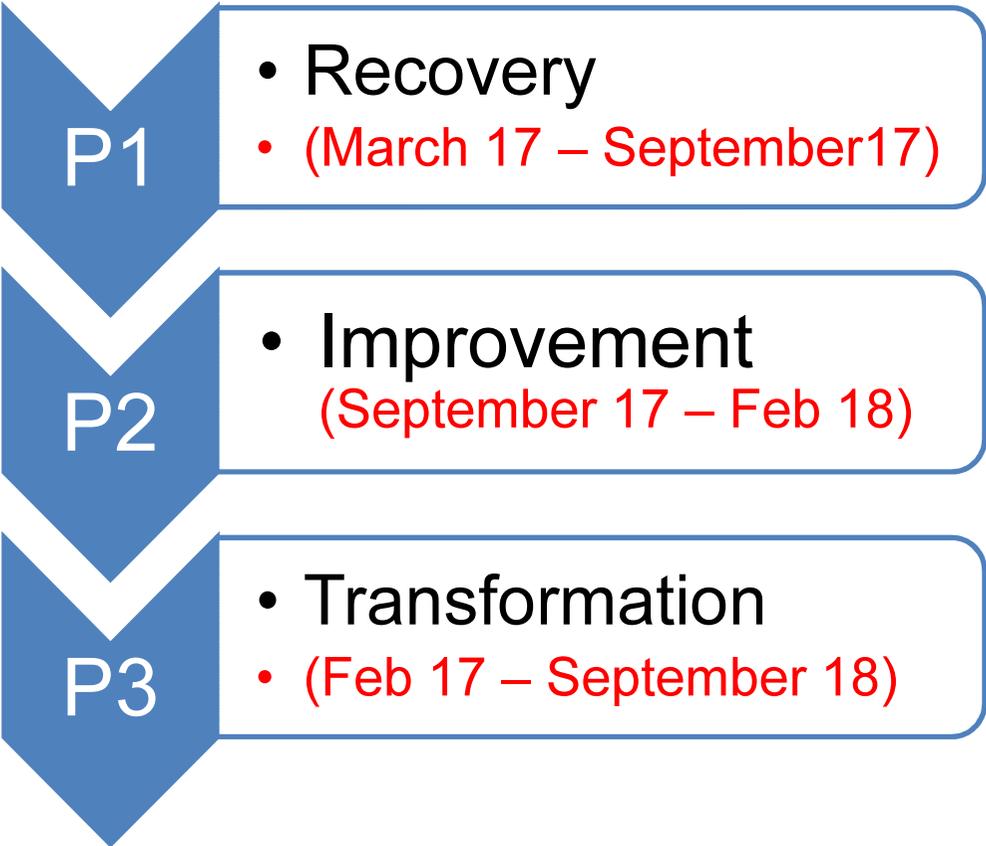
CQC Requirement Action	CQC Findings
Action 1	Risk assessments and care plans were not always in place or up dated whilst young people were waiting for treatment.
Action 2	The blood pressure machines at all three locations were out of date for calibration. Therefore, staff could not ensure an accurate measure of blood pressure was being recorded.
Action 3	The trust had a large number of young people awaiting treatment and waits for certain treatments were up to 108 weeks.
Action 4	At the Valentine Centre, in the waiting area, a cupboard containing cleaning products was unlocked, which posed a risk to the young people.

CAMHS Recovery and Improvement Team established (1st March 2017)

- Head of FYPC Group 1 and Adult LD
- Service Group Manager - CAMHS
- Lead Nurse for FYPC
- Lead for Quality and Governance FYPC
- FSM & Ops Team Leads – CAMHS
- AHP Lead FYPC
- Head of Clinical Psychology - CAMHS
- Lead Consultant Psychiatrist - CAMHS

CAMHS improvement journey

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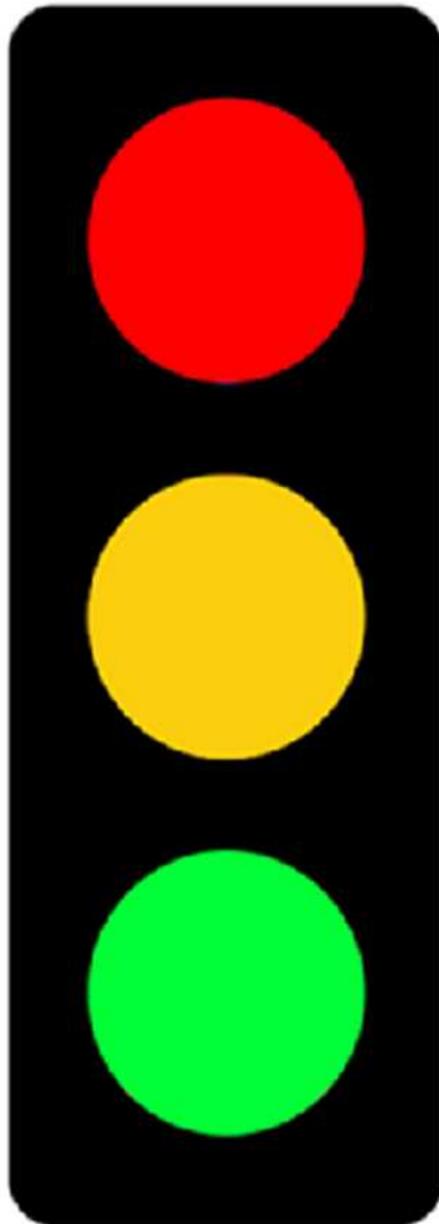


Care Planning and Risk Assessment

- Operational System review in March 2017
1100 & 900 missing RA/CP's respectively
- Data quality reporting weekly via Recovery Team
- Those with out of date Care Plan and Risk assessment now under 200 with completion deadline 30th September 2017

LPT Specialist CAMHS Traffic Light

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RED RAG RATING (Acute – High Risk)

- Presence of **suicide attempt** within the *last 3 months*, or persistent **suicidal ideation** with evidence of a **plan and/or actual intent**, and with limited protective factors.
- Severe or **rapid weight loss** associated with an **eating disorder**, or Height to Weight percentile < 2nd centile.
- Presence of *untreated* **psychotic features** or *suspected* **bipolar affective disorder**.
- Presence of *significant* **biological features of severe depression**, including **self-harm** (e.g. cutting), **suicidal ideation**, or other risks (e.g. **eating disorders** with associated weight loss or physical sequelae).
- **Severe risk of harm to others**.

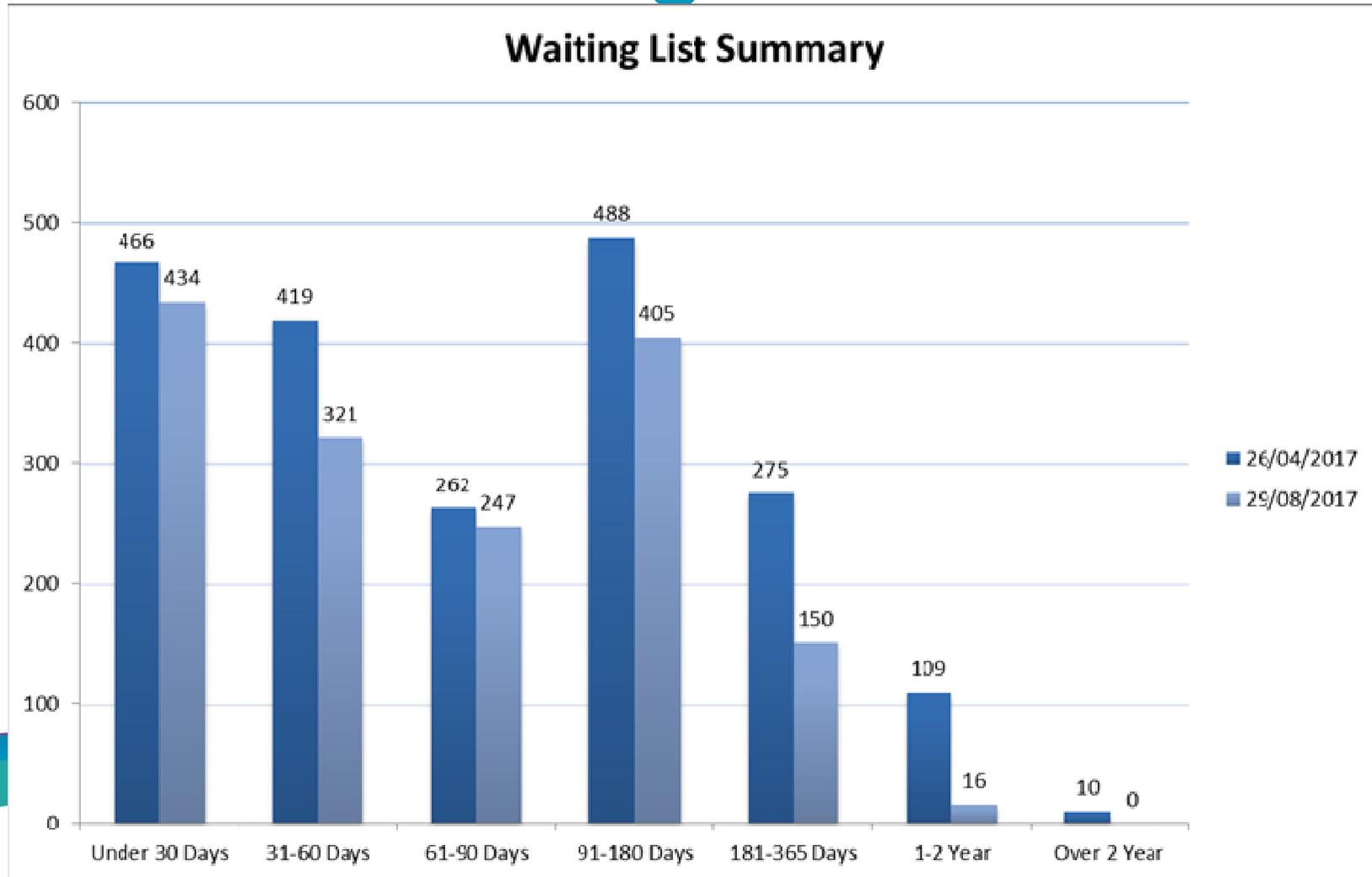
AMBER RAG RATING (High Routine – Medium Risk)

- Presence of *one or two* of the following: **self-harm** (e.g. cutting), **fleeting suicidal ideation**, **eating disorders** with associated weight loss or physical sequelae, and/or *significant* **biological features of depression**.
- Presence of **self-harm** (e.g. cutting), *with no suicidal intent*.
- Presence of **sensory distortions** resulting from dissociative phenomena.
- **Moderate / severe depression** or **severe anxiety / OCD or PTSD** when cases have been *waiting for more than 6 months*.
- Awaiting assessment for **ADHD / ASD** and **engaging in dangerous behaviour or behaviour that makes them vulnerable to exploitation or risk-taking**.
- Where mental health needs **impact on daily functioning** to the extent of restricting regular access to **education / social interaction**.

GREEN RAG RATING (Low Routine – Low Risk)

- Routine assessment for **ADHD / ASD**.
- Routine assessment / treatment of **Tics**.
- **Emotional disorders** awaiting treatment for *less than 6 months*.

Internal Waiting List Management



Improvement Milestones (September– February)

- **Standard Operating Guidance for CAMHS Community Services released**
- **New Supervision Structure launched**
- **Caseload Complexity tool roll out**
- **Core Care Pathways launched (standardised packages of care)**
- **EPR Review & Refine**
- **Access ‘Fixed Team’ established**
- **Community Training Programme launch**

Transformation Milestones (February – September)

- 'Thrive' Implementation
- All age LEAN programme focus for CAMHS services
- Full booking system automation
- Integration & system leadership



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PROVISIONAL EY, KS1, KS2, KS4 & KS5 results for Rutland compared to national (September 2017)

	EY	Phonics	KS1 EXS+				KS1 GDS			
	GLD%	Y1 Phonics	Reading	Writing	Maths	RWM	Reading	Writing	Maths	RWM
Rutland Provisional	76%	84.1%	78.5%	72.2%	78.3%	67.0%	25.0%	13.2%	16.0%	7.5%
National Provisional	70.7%	81.3%	75.6%	68.2%	75.1%	63.7%	25.2%	15.6%	20.5%	10.9%

	KS2 EXS+					KS2 GDS					KS2 Progress		
	Reading	Writing	Maths	GPS	RWM	Reading	Writing	Maths	GPS	RWM	Reading	Writing	Maths
Rutland Provisional	76.2	79.5	78.2	81.1%	66.8%	29.8%	17.4%	24.9%	34.5%	8.5%	0.2	-0.3	0.1
National Provisional	71.3%	76.3%	74.7%	76.8%	60.9%	24.4%	17.7%	22.6%	30.9%	8.6%	0.00	0.00	0.00

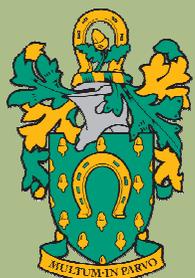
	GCSE English		GCSE Mathematics		Combined E & M			
	4+	5+	4+	5+	4+	5+	Attainment 8	Progress 8
Rutland Provisional	88.5%	70.8%	85.7%	68.3%	80.3%	57.2%	52.3	
National Provisional	69.9%/72.5%	53.3%/55.4%	70.7%	49.7%	71.0%	52.8%		

	A Level	
	A*-C	A* or A
Rutland Provisional	75.5%	
National Provisional	77.4%	26.3%

KEY	
	2+% above
	4+% above
	Broadly in line
	-2% below

NB: All data is provisional & maybe subject to change	
EY	Early Years
GLD	Good Level of Development
RWM	Reading, Writing & Maths Combined
GPS	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling

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Children's Scrutiny Panel September 2017

- **The Local Area SEND Ofsted/CQC Inspection 10th-14th July 2017**
- **Outcomes report on the effectiveness of Rutland in implementing the disability and special educational needs reforms as set out in the Children and Families Act 2014.**





Peer Review and Inspection Process

- Ofsted/CQC inspectors on site from the 10th to the 14th July – 7 members of the inspection team, including Quality Assurance Leads.
- Comprised visits to provisions (9), speaking with young people and carers, meetings with RCC staff, review case files and children's plans, conducted a Webinar with parents, held focus groups and meetings with health providers and commissioners, education providers, YOS, voluntary sector groups.



Areas of interest

- Ofsted/CQC Inspection focused on three key areas:
 - effectiveness of the area in identifying the needs of children
 - effectiveness of the area in assessing and meeting needs
 - evidence of improved outcomes for children and young people



Areas of Strength

Strengths far outweighed areas for development

- Strong leadership commitment to improving SEND provision in Rutland including how young people can be educated locally
- Leaders have a good understanding of the area's strengths and areas for development and have a vision and plan in place to address them
- LA and partners, including the Parent Carer Voice work closely together to meet the needs of children and young people
- Strong evidence of co-production between LA , health services and schools
- Highly effective early identification and early response to needs in the early years, Children's Centre, Aiming High and Youth Offer
- Quality of EHCPs is good and evidence of child's voice and outcomes



Areas of Strength (continued)

- The 0 to 19 health offer including the digital offer is an effective alternative way of reaching young people
- The service is meeting statutory timescales for assessments and transfers
- Education outcomes for children with SEND outperforming in some Stages and improving across all Stages
- Young people receive independent careers advice and experience smooth transitions to adulthood and independence and numbers in paid employment above national average
- Effective multiagency arrangements and 'team around the family', to ensure children with SEND are safe and protected
- Progress of children looked after by the LA is good and child's voice is evident in PEPs and EHCPs.
- Young people feel safe and supported in Rutland and are in settled accommodation





Areas for Development

- High proportion of young people travelling to access specialist provision
- The Local Offer 'on line tool' is not effective and needs developing
- To address the waiting time to see an Education Psychologist for non statutory input and access to CAMHS and GP engagement in transitions
- Emotional health and well being service not fully understood by parents and carers
- Use of personal budgets in EHC Plans is under developed
- Independent advice and guidance for parents and carers is valued by parents but not widely used.
- Health assessment for those children placed out of county are not always within timescale



Actions

- Update SEND Action Plan and progression of actions with SEND Strategic Group (September 2017)
- Technical input to develop a more accessible on-line Local Offer (September 2017)
- Complete review by Internal Audit of Personal Budgets in SEND service and receive recommendations for action. (November 2017)
- Creation of Project Plan and Project Board to progress the Capital Programme (September 2017)
- Address Education Psychology backlog (Autumn term)
- RAISS (independent support) and the Education Psychology contracts under review (August 2017)



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