

<b>Item No.</b> 9.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 22 September 2010	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Corporate Parenting Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Carelink- Southwark Child and Mental Health Service for Looked After Children Ages 0-16 years	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All wards	
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### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1. That officer from SLAM, the Primary Care Trust, and the local authority bring forward proposals to the Committee for meeting the needs of 16-18 year old young people in care.
2. Continue and support the work with under 5's as this we predict will be invaluable with early identification and prevention.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

3. In Southwark the current policy context for shared responsibility is the Every Child Matters framework for improving outcomes for children and young people and the programme set out in the White Paper, Care Matters: Time for Change, for improving outcomes for looked after children. Statutory Guidance on Promoting the Health and Wellbeing of Looked After Children, published in November 2009 imposes statutory duties on Local Authorities, Strategic Health Authorities and Primary Care Trusts to meet the health needs of all Looked After Children.
4. Over the last decade Southwark Council has taken seriously the need of it's looked after children and developed the Quality Protects programme (Department of Health 1998a) and the National Priorities Guidance (Department of Health 1998b). This led to the development of Carelink, the CLA CAMHS team and its close working relationships with the CLA Social Care and Health Team and the CLA Education Team, CLA Health Team.
5. This report focuses on the Carelink CAMHs service contribution. Many other issues are very important to children and young people's health and wellbeing such as educational attainment, placement stability and adoption; this report does not address them.

### **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

6. Please see attached report.

### **Policy implications**

7. The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) has recently issued draft guidance to improve the quality of life for 'looked after' children and young people.

8. The draft guidance proposes providing targeted support at school and for further education, especially before and during applications to attend further or higher education. Supporting students throughout their time at university or college was also recognised. The guidance has recommendations specific to CAMHS.

**Community impact statement**

9. It should be noted that there are direct links between CLA's population and placement and Carelink interventions and their network (Appendices 1 refer)

**Resource implications**

10. There are no resource implications relating to this report. However, it is important to note that all services may be subject to review following the outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

**Legal/Financial implications**

11. There are no legal/financial implications relating to this report.

**Consultation**

12. NICE's Final guidance is expected in September 2010, once the consultation process has been completed. However from the draft guidance we know that the Southwark CAMHS Carelink team is offering the range of interventions that are recommended for this population and their network. It is worth noting that there has been a 10% increase of children in the care of Southwark in the last year.

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Report from Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist / Lead Clinician, Southwark CAMHS	Attached as appendix	-

**APPENDICES**

No.	Title
1	CARELINK- Southwark CAMHS service for Looked After Children Ages 0-16 years

## AUDIT TRAIL

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