

Item No. 6.	Classification: Open	Date: 5 November 2012	Meeting Name: Corporate Parenting Committee
Report title:		Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) and Carelink	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Children's and Adult Services	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note the delivery of the Children and Adolescent and Mental Health (CAMHS) Carelink service.
2. To note the training with BAAF (British Association for Adoption and Fostering) for foster carers, social workers, IRO's, members of the adoption and fostering panels and possibly contact workers. The aim of this training will be to think specifically about the emotional and developmental needs of under 5's.
3. Corporate Parenting Committee to note that officers will promote key partnerships and protocols with other council services to target LAC and adolescents suffering from mental health issues and to note the other services and training provided by (CAMHS) Carelink service.

KEY MESSAGES

4. Our remit is to offer a therapeutic service to children and young people who are looked after by Southwark Social Services, where there is a plan for them to remain permanently in care.
5. We work with Southwark looked after children both in and out of Borough. At any one time up to 50% of our open cases can be on children who are looked after by Southwark but live outside of the Borough.
6. It is also possible for individual Southwark foster carers to be referred on their own for support/advice on the care of LAC children in placement (even if the child is not referred for therapy). These referrals come from Fostering Team/Supervising Social Worker and Carelink work in partnership with them in providing support.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

7. An Annual Report of Carelink, Southwark Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service for Looked After Children is provided as guidance. This report focuses on the work undertaken by CAMHS and Carelink.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

8. 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 6% increase of children in the care of Southwark in the last year.

Community impact statement

9. The extensive work carried out by CAMHS and Carelink is intended to improve the outcome for looked after children and adolescents who suffer from mental health. We also offer therapeutic services to adopted children and the family if this seems more appropriate than having intervention from the local CAMHS community team.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Carelink Annual Report – Southwark Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service for Looked After Children	South London and Maudesley (SLAM NHS)	elizabeth.murphy@slam.nhs.uk

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Carelink – Southwark Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service for Looked After Children – Annual Report 2011-12

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Rory Patterson, Director of Children's Social Care	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
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Director of Legal Services	No	No
Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
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