

NEWCASTLE CAMHS PARTNERSHIP

Terms of Reference

1. Members of the group are accountable as individuals to their respective organisations. The group has collective accountability to the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Executive through the Child Health Commissioning Group (CHCG). The role of the CHCG and its relationship to the C&YPSP Executive will be reviewed as the Newcastle C&YP Partnership and governance arrangements develop.
2. Group members sit on the group with authority to act as the accountable and responsible representative of their individual organisations. As part of their role they ensure that their respective organisations and networks are informed of the work of the CAMHS Partnership.
3. Where possible, each member has a named deputy.
4. Meetings are held monthly for 2 hours at appropriate locations across the city.
5. Meetings will be quorate where 5 members are present.
6. The Chair of the partnership is a senior officer from one of the lead commissioning agencies with dedicated time to commit to the group and is a member of the C&YP Strategic Partnership Executive group.
7. The group ensures that the full spectrum of universal/preventive, targeted and specialist CAMHS is developed on behalf of the population of Newcastle.
8. The work of the group is open and transparent, and builds on what is working well.
9. The group works to an agreed cross agency vision and ensures the development, review and implementation of the Newcastle CAMHS Strategy.
10. In line with accountability mechanisms outlined above, the Partnership will report quarterly to the CHCG until alternative reporting mechanisms are agreed. The group will inform the commissioning process, provide recommendations to the CHCG on the commissioning of CAMHS in

Newcastle, ensure key developments, gaps and risks are highlighted, and will report back on outcomes following implementation.

Membership:

CAMHS Partnership:

Chair of CAMHS Alliance	Any agency
CAMHS Social Care Co-ordinator	LA
Childrens Social Services Lead Officer	LA
Children & Families Commissioner	PCT/NoTCC
Community Paediatrician	NUTHT
Directorate of Community Services Lead	PCT Provider
Education Commissioner	LA
Learning Disability Service lead	NTW Trust
Service User *	
Specialist CAMHS Locality Lead Clinician	NTW Trust
Specialist CAMHS Locality Manager	NTW Trust
Voluntary and Community Sector representative	NCVCO

* Participation of Children, Young People, their families and carers is integral to the Partnership. It is however recognised that involvement is through a number of mechanisms which may or may not include attendance at the CAMHS Partnership monthly business meetings.

CAMHS Alliance/Reference Groups:

Adult mental health service
Carers
Children and Young People
Children with Disabilities Planning Group
C&YP DAT
Childrens Fund
Connexions
General Practice
Parents
Public health
Service users/Service user groups
Teenage Pregnancy Partnership
Voluntary and Community Services
Youth Offending Team

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