

Health Consultation Update

Following the Director's Meeting with Headteacher's on 19th September 2017, it was agreed that the Commissioning Team would issue a pro-forma to understand the services currently bought in by schools in relation to SEND and Emotional Wellbeing of children and young people.

This was to include but is not limited to services such as, CAMHS, Emotional well being support for children/young people or their families, Educational Psychology services, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, SALT etc. The deadline for sending back pro-forma's was initially 3rd November 2017, we then extended this a further 2 weeks and have received 10 responses to date.

The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are very keen to explore what schools currently purchase across Hartlepool and Stockton, particularly in relation to services which they provide via block contracts. To allow for a greater response I would like to propose we re-issue the pro forma with a deadline of 22 December 2017 and encourage all schools who buy services to submit a return.

We plan to meet with Jo Heaney from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) in late January 2018 to further explore this with a view to establishing a Task and Finish Group, involving those schools who are interested in exploring joint commissioning opportunities further and how we can influence block contracts.

It is hoped that this approach will reduce duplication across services and ensure a more focussed and transparent commissioning process.

If you wish to discuss in any further detail I can be contacted on email at kelly.armstrong@hartlepool.gov.uk or Tel; 01429 523043.

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