

At this point in the meeting Emelin Collier stated that the Child Health Strategy Group which had been disbanded due to the redesign process, has now been re-established and Dr Brian Michie has agreed to be the Chair. The Child Health Strategy Group is linked to NHS Western Isles Executive Team and the NHS Western Isles Board. Minutes of the CAMHS group will be tabled at the Child Health Strategy Group. The Chair of the CAMHS Group is a member of the Child Health Strategy Group.

With regard to CAMHS Training it stated in the advert for the courses that priority will be given to staff and volunteers who work with looked after and accommodated children. Whereas it was agreed locally that priority should be given to the Education Link workers and there are other main priority groups such as young carers and individuals who self harm. Therefore it was agreed to take that sentence out of the advert. It was possibly a national sentence which does not necessarily apply to the Western Isles.

The Child Health Strategy Group are looking into the health services available for Looked After Children locally.

Sara Bartram gave an update on what she is doing with regard to Young Carers, i.e. looking at what support is available for them, what their needs are and what care they are giving. This work will identify any gaps in services. Once Sara Bartram has approval for this survey an awareness raising session will then be organised.

A discussion took place regarding the School Nurses and the Nursing Review which is taking place.

Accommodation for the CAMHS team has been agreed, they will be based at the Springfield Health Centre but they are still working on an appropriate consultation room. They are trying to find a big room for family consultations and a smaller room for other consultations. Belle MacIver has agreed to take on the administration work for CAMHS and will also be based at the health centre. It may be possible to provide videolink equipment for the CAMHS team. It was noted that the single point of referral and a central local filing system will be possible. It was suggested developing a website to publicise the service and to link it into the HI website.

It was agreed to launch the CAMHS strategy and possibly the website at the end of February or early March. It was also agreed to invite Margo Fyfe over to launch the strategy, Emelin Collier agreed to ask her and get suitable dates from her.

4. Updates

It was stated that updates for the next meeting should include the launch and the website.

5. Developing the Action Plan

It was agreed that members should have a look at the action plan and bring comments back to the next meeting.

6. AOCB

6.1 Youth Counselling Service

Emelin Collier gave an update on the Youth Counselling Service proposal from Erica Nicholls, Service Co-ordinator, Counselling and Family Mediation Orkney. The Choose Life steering group are looking into this proposal which would be an independent service. It was agreed to invite her to a meeting to give a presentation on the proposal.

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10th January 2007 at 3pm in the Meeting Room, NHS Western Isles.