

South East Children in Care Practice Development

Strategic Milestones

Stage	Project Milestone	Period/Timescale	Status
<i>Preliminary scoping</i>	Discussion with Designated Nurses (SE wide) to understand scale and complexity of the problem	April & May 2020	Complete
<i>National Stakeholder Consultation</i>	Consultation with Local Government Association (LGA) and Association of Directors of Childrens Services (ADCS) on proposed project objectives and scope	14 th May – 1 st June 2020	Complete
<i>Regional scoping of expertise</i>	Discussions with named, Designated safeguarding professionals (Trusts and CCGs); to be further developed in scoping with CCG Commissioners and LA Leaders (Corporate Parenting, Social Care, DCSs and Education) to refine the scope and breadth of the project*	14 th May – 30 th June 2020	Complete
<i>National scoping of relevant learning</i>	National scoping to identify good practice in other regions and barriers to practice that can inform local design and delivery; in partnership with LGA Children’s Services Advisors	14 th May – 30 th June 2020	Complete
<i>Policy Review</i>	Consultation with the ADCS Policy team and NHS England national leaders to identify areas of good practice nationally	14 th May – 30 th June 2020	Complete
		1 st June – 30 th July	Complete

<p><i>Understanding the learning from other Regions</i></p>	<p>Interviews with Systems Leaders in other Regions where good practice is evident. Those confirmed so far are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd June – South West Collaborative – nominated leader, ADCS Project Co-ordinator, Steven Fish • 4th June – Manchester Collaborative – nominated leader, DCS – Paul Marshall • 11th/12th June – East of England – nominated leader, Alison Noble, Service Director (Early Help and Safeguarding) • 10th June – Yorkshire & Humber – nominated leader, Anita Dobson, Nurse Consultant, Public Health • 2nd July – Manchester CCG Collaborative, DCS collaborative, Mayor’s Office & SE DCS, LGA, CCG representatives • 16th July – East Midlands – nominated leader, Joanne Harrison – Assistant Director for Safeguarding and SEND 		
<p><i>Sub-regional DCS engagement</i></p>	<p>Discussion with sub-regional representative Directors of Children’s Services in partnership with LGA to agree principles and parameters of the work.</p> <p>Including specific discussion about the potential to work with IROs and seek the voice of the child (CiC experience) via advocacy to inform the output and principles of the development</p> <p>Discussions with sub-regional DCS representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portsmouth (on behalf of H1OW) – 10.07.20 • Wokingham (on behalf of TV) – 18.06.20 • West Sussex (on behalf of KSS) – 26.06.20 • Sponsor Lead Member briefing – RBWM Cllr Carroll - 29.07.20 • Sponsor DCS, SESLIP and LGA CSA discussion – 07.09.20 <p>All sub-regions willing to support. DCS email drafted for Lucy Butler (SE DCS Chair) to disseminate to SE DCSs (26.06.20).</p>	<p>1st June – 30th July</p> <p>Deadline for information to be returned by DCSs – 31st July 2020.</p>	<p>Discussions Complete</p> <p>Information from statutory partners continues to be received and place based summaries will subsequently be delayed until Oct/November 2020.</p>

	DCSs to return information to questions (as held in records) by 31 st July 20.		
<i>Children's Social Care engagement</i>	<p>Discussions with Assistant Directors of Children's Social Care (SE wide) experience of barriers and difficulties with CIC OOA placement, with specific reference to CYP mental health provision, and identify good practice which could inform future arrangements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wokingham Children's Social Care offering support; further discussions with Assistant Directors (01.07.20). • RBWM CSC AD discussion (26.06.20) • Portsmouth AD discussion (10.07.20) • Sponsor CSC AD discussion – RBWM – East Sussex (17.07.20) • Kent AD discussion (24.07.10) • Medway AD discussion (29.07.20) • SE AD wide discussion of the proposals (to be led by RBWM) w/c 29th June 20 • SE IRO Manager discussion (24.07.20) 	July- August	Complete
<i>IRO engagement</i>	<p>Independent Reviewing Officers (SE wide) to identify experience of barriers and difficulties with CIC OOA placement, with specific reference to CYP mental health provision, and identify good practice which could inform future arrangements.</p> <p>Including seeking views of CIC with appropriate sensitivity and care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RBWM IROs underway from 26.06.20 with answering questions • Wokingham IROs 01.07.20 • Portsmouth 10.07.20 • IROSE network 24.07.20 	<p>July- August</p> <p>IRO information proposed feedback by 31.07.20</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>IRO Feedback continues to be received in September 2020</p>

	Children in Care voice via existing and established mechanisms (Portsmouth, Kent, RBWM, Wokingham, Oxon)		
<i>CAMHS and CCG engagement</i>	<p>Experience of responding to, and seeking, OOA Children in Care MH needs</p> <p>Initial questions for CCG scoping shared w/c 22.06.20</p> <p>Each CCG/Provider has received briefing – complete</p> <p>Discussions with all Designated Nurses completed with final KSS discussion</p> <p>National LAC Clinical Reference Group presentation – 23.07.20 – Kenny Gibson confirming national support</p> <p>NICE Clinical Reference Group Chair briefing proposed.</p>	June-August	Complete
<i>First draft structure and principles</i>	<p>Advisor distillation of structure, principles and findings of potential relevance to South East development.</p> <p>CIC voice and experience to be central to design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsor DCS, LGA and SESLIP conversation – 7th September 20 • DCS (SE wide) discussion scheduled for 16th September 20 	September	On Track
<i>Consultation, adaptation and review</i>	<p>Discussion with all stakeholders in sector led groups (including SE DCSs) and geographical governance arrangements to review; adapt and improve proposals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated Nurses • CCG Commissioners • Providers • IROs • ADs of CSC 	September – December	On Track

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual Headteachers <p>Director of Children’s Services and Lead Member discussion 16th September 2020.</p>		
<i>Final draft for approval</i>	Approval and adoption of the arrangement will require multiple governance arrangements to review and approve Stage 1 changes, including Corporate Parenting Boards and Safeguarding Boards.	December 2020	
<i>Learning event</i>	A learning event has been requested.	Quarter 4 2020/21	

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