

Inter-Departmental Still Waiting Action Plan

Project Purpose: The overall project purpose is to support the implementation of the recommendations from the 'Still Waiting' report which outlined the results of a review of mental health services and support for children and young people in Northern Ireland.

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1. Key Theme: Working Effectively and Collaboratively

Ref ID	Recommendation	Link to Rec	Action	Completion Date	Status	Comments
Objective: Clear governance structures for development of CAMHS						
1.1	NICCY recommends the establishment of a high level multi-agency, multisectoral project board that is tasked with the development of a comprehensive, adequately resourced action plan for taking these recommendations forward.	1 (c)	Establish an Inter-Departmental Project Board with cross sectoral representation to develop and implement an action plan in response to the NICCY Still Waiting Report recommendations.	01 June 2021	Complete	The project board has been established and is due to meet every 2 months to review progress. The board was suspended for 6 months in 2020 due to Covid-19.
1.2	As Above	1 (c)	Finalise and sign off on the Still Waiting Action Plan, to include engagement with children and young people.	30 November 2021	In progress	Draft action plan being refreshed. Consultation with children and young people took place on 5 October 2021. Finalised SWAP to be presented to the Minister for sign off.
Objective: Sustainable investment in CAMHS						

1.3	The use of the fund mapping methodology and analyses of need, to map increases in spending on emotional and mental health services over time, and to demonstrate how additional resources are being effectively and efficiently allocated to meet the needs of children and young people.	1 (b)	Create a fund map of spending in children and adolescent mental health and emotional wellbeing services.	This action will be taken forward as part of the Mental Health Strategy 2021-2031	In progress	This action is being taken forward as part of the 2021-31 Mental Health Strategy and associated Funding Plan. The strategy and funding plan were published by DoH in June 2021.
1.4	The development of a Children and Young People's Mental Health Transformation Fund to drive the change required. This should be a long term and sustainable 'funding and practice partnership model', which takes account of the investment required across all key services and sectors included in the Stepped Care Model.	1 (a)	Increase funding for CAMHS.	This action will be taken forward as part of the Mental Health Strategy 2021-2031	In progress	This action is being taken forward as part of the 2021-31 Mental Health Strategy. Action 10 of the strategy is "To increase the funding for CAMHS to 10% of adult mental health funding".
Objective: Collect better information more regularly						

1.5	<p>The CAMHS Dataset should be fully implemented across each HSCT. Adequate resources should be provided to establish and maintain the system. Data should be published on a regular basis, in line with other health statistical reporting. The Dataset should be augmented to include additional basic information and data, required to monitor services and effectively plan CAMHS.</p>	47	<p>Full implementation of CAMHS dataset.</p>		Complete	<p>A full CAMHS dataset is in place. HSCB has met with the Encompass Director to ensure the CAMHS dataset will be captured by the new system when it is implemented across Trusts from January 2023. DoH are scoping options for sharing information captured by the CAMHS dataset in the public domain. Going forward, work will be progressed to integrate the new CAMHS dataset into the new Mental Health Strategy Outcomes Framework.</p>
1.6	<p>The DoH should develop a universal health information system linked to every individual child, to inform every health professional coming into contact with a child and/or their parents/carers. This should link to other information systems, such as UNOCINI. 'Patient level' data should be integrated into statistical reports as part of a transparent and accountable information reporting system, so that the impact of services on outcomes</p>	45	<p>Development of Encompass across the HSCT to provide a system of recording and reporting on patient data and trends.</p>	Ongoing	In progress	<p>The development of Encompass is being taken forward across HSC. Going forward the Mental Health Strategy will provide an alternative solution for implementation of this action. Action 34 of the Strategy is to "Develop a regional Outcomes Framework in collaboration with service users and professionals, to underpin and drive service development and delivery".</p>

	for children and young people can be tracked.					A Regional Outcomes Framework Steering Group has been established to oversee and direct this work.
1.7	Government should ensure that the first Northern Ireland Prevalence Survey of children and young people's mental health is completed by year end 2019/20, and published soon thereafter. Further prevalence surveys should be repeated every 3–5 years.	46	Development of prevalence study into children's and adolescent's mental health.	01 October 2020	Complete	A Data Analyst has been employed by Ulster University for 15 months to maximise the potential of the dataset and to produce 6 high level papers. HSCB anticipate publishing these papers in February 2022.

1.8	<p>The Department of Health (DoH) should review the implementation of the Regional Referral Criteria for Step 2 and 3 CAMHS to:</p> <p>a) Develop a comprehensive training and awareness raising programme, to ensure that all 'referral agents' are aware of the referral process and their role within it.</p>	2 (a)	<p>On an annual basis Trusts, along with HSCB will reflect back on referral trends to identify changes in referrals patterns and undertake specific awareness rising activities as required.</p>	<p>Rolling Annually - to be completed by June of each year with engagement activity thereafter</p>	In progress	<p>Covid-19 has impacted this work. Trusts have delivered training to GPs and each have specific arrangements in place to support the referrals processes including delivery of Webinars, delivery of dedicated programme and in SHSCT, the appointment of a dedicated referral co-ordinator to support the referrals process and address issues as they arise.</p>
Objective: Joined up working between services						
1.9	<p>Full implementation of the Managed Care Network (MCN) as a matter of urgency, and review of its potential as a mechanism for co-ordinating and operationalising a whole system approach to the delivery of human rights compliant mental health services for children and young people.</p>	1 (e)	<p>Establishment of a fully implemented and operational Managed Care Network (MCN)</p>	<p>30 January 2022</p>	In progress	<p>Recurrent funding has been secured for the Managed Care Network and HSCB are finalising plans for implementation. The MCN Clinical Director has been appointed and is expected to take up post in January 2022.</p>

1.10	<p>Introduce multi-disciplinary and multiagency decision making processes in individual care planning, to ensure that support pathways for young people are direct and effective.</p>	2 (c)	<p>Develop MH Liaison Service (for 16+), CAIT and acute care pathways for children and young people.</p>	<p>This action will be taken forward as part of the Mental Health Strategy 2021-2031</p>	<p>In progress</p>	<p>This action is being taken forward as part of the 2021-31 Mental Health Strategy. Action 27 of the Strategy is to "Create a Regional Mental Health Crisis Service that is fully integrated in mental health services and which will provide help and support for persons in mental health or suicidal crisis". A new regional crisis service was announced in August 2021 and a implementation plan for the new service has been developed by the HSCB/PHA and provided to the Department on 19 November 2021. Action 6 of the "Regional Mental Health Crisis Service for N Ireland" is to "deliver a regionally consistent mental health liaison service across all Emergency Departments and acute hospital settings, so that all who require a mental health assessment, regardless of age, will receive such assessment at the time of need".</p>
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1.11	Develop regional protocols which allow a broader range of VCS organisations working with young people with mental health problems, to make a direct referral to Step 3 CAMHS or with the support of a GP (fast track process via GP).	2 (b)	Self Harm Intervention Programme (SHIP) referral pathway for children and young people to be kept under review.	Ongoing	In progress	An evaluation of the service has commenced by the PHA. However, this has been delayed due to pandemic response.
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2. Key Theme: Accessing Help

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Objective: Removing barriers that stop young people accessing services						
2.1	Introduce a dedicated telephone advice line for statutory CAMHS, which professionals, parents/carers and young people could use as a way of improving the communication and support offered by services, whilst young people are waiting for an appointment or between appointments.	10	Scope what supports are currently on offer for Children and Young people awaiting appointments or in between appointments. Analyse any resource and practical implications for implementing this.	31 March 2022	In progress	To be taken forward by HSCB and HSCT's. Scoping work will be undertaken in February/March through existing Trust youth forums.
2.2	Introduce a Mental Health Passport Scheme that contains key information on young people, which they want professionals involved in their care to be able to access.	9	Consider creation of a Mental Health Passport Scheme, through existing portals.	This action will be taken forward as part of the Mental Health Strategy 2021-2031	In progress	This action is being taken forward as part of the 2021-31 Mental Health Strategy. Action 11 of the Strategy is to "Ensure that the needs of infants are met in mental health services, and meet the needs of vulnerable children and young people when developing and

						improving CAMHS, putting in place a 'no wrong door' approach".
2.3	Develop a children and young people specific Regional Integrated Elective Access Protocol (IEAP).	11	Review Integrated Elective Access Protocol (IEAP) to ensure fit for purpose for children and young people.	31 December 2021	Complete	A review of the Integrated Elective Access Protocol was completed by HSCB in 2020 and was endorsed by DoH in November 2021. A further review of the IEAP is expected to take place in 2022. Both the Acute care and the Mental Health services IEAP include provision for children and young people.
Objective: Greater Flexibility and choice in how young people engage with services						
2.4	Introduce a dedicated telephone advice line for statutory CAMHS, which professionals, parents/carers and young people could use as a way of improving the communication and support offered by services, whilst young people are waiting for an	10	Develop an APP that will assist young people requiring help and support with health and social wellbeing or who may have difficulty in engaging with CAMHS	31 June 2021	Complete	HSCNI in partnership with ORCHA (Organisation for review of care and health apps) developed a library of high quality, convenient Apps to support the health and wellbeing of the population.

	appointment or between appointments.					
2.5	<p>Review appointment systems and consider the introduction of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) An online booking system so young people and carers have more control over the appointment time given; b) Appointment slots available outside of school hours; c) The option of appointments being held in their own home or close to home; d) Reminder texts about appointments; <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) The option of making remote contact with a trained mental health counsellor between appointments i.e. telephone text. 	8 (a-e)	<p>Review CAMHS appointment systems in relation to recommendation 8 to consider the viability and practical implications.</p>	31 March 2022	In progress	<p>HSCT will review and scope a system that can be implemented regionally. Social distancing restrictions as a result of the pandemic have resulted in an increased use of video and tele conferencing facilities for appointments, where clinically appropriate and suitable to do so. This has meant more choice and flexibility for the patient in terms of appointment times and reduced travel. This is being kept under review but early indications are that it is working well and has been well received. However, this format is not appropriate for all and some patients prefer to have face to face contact which is accommodated, with social distancing and</p>

						infection prevention control measures in place.
2.6			Fully implement CAMHS care pathway across NI, including gap analysis and where additional resources should be deployed.		Complete	CAMHS care pathway is fully implemented. A review of resource is ongoing as part of business as usual. Where additional resources are needed this would be considered by HSCB and DoH.
3. Key Theme: Supporting adults working with children and young people						
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Objective: Mental health training for all professionals who work with young people						

3.1	Introduce a mandatory programme of mental health training for all professionals likely to come into contact with young people with mental health problems, this must include GPs. The training needs to develop core professional competencies to respond to young people in a sensitive, competent and age appropriate way.	5	Roll out at Trust level of short course programme on the CAMHS Care pathway to GPs and other children services.	Completed in March 2020	Complete	Short Course Programme completed and disseminated to Trusts. HSCB will review impact of this with HSCT Heads of Service for CAMHS.
Objective: Integrated working across the system to strengthen children and young people's emotional and mental wellbeing						
3.2	Designated mental health practitioners, trained to work with young people, should be attached to every GP surgery.	6	Implement primary care Multi Disciplinary Teams (MDT's) with a mental health practitioner attached to all GPs across the region, with specific training on working with young people.	Phased approach in line with agreed road map (Full Implementation over the next 6 years)	In progress	The MDT model is currently in place or in development in 5 of the 17 GP Federation areas – Down, Derry, West Belfast, Causeway and Newry & District with a small footprint introduced in North Down and Ards late in 2020/21. There are currently 56.9 WTE mental health practitioners (MHPs), supported by 5 mental health managers, within the current Primary Care Multi-Disciplinary Teams footprint. These MHPs work with patients of all ages to ensure they have access to timely

						assessment and appropriate support to address their individual mental health needs.
3.3	Statutory mental health professionals should also be available to every primary and post primary school in Northern Ireland.	6	<p>Establishment and launch of additional specialist mental health support available for schools, delivered through the Emotional Health and Wellbeing Education Framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Text a Nurse (Post primary) - Expanded rise provision (Primary) - CAMHS school service (Primary and Post Primary). 	31 January 2022	In progress	Text a Nurse was launched in February 2021, the remaining initiatives launched in September 2021. CAMHS school service is anticipated to commence in 2022.

			- Extension of Abbey School Nursing pilot.		
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4. Key Theme: Specialist Support

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Objective: Greater range of community based mental health support						
4.1	A range of community based after care supports must be available to young people discharged from Community CAMHS or inpatient care.	12	Provide greater opportunities for mental health support community and voluntary sector organisations to apply for funding from the Department of Health's core grant funding scheme, through introducing an open call for applications to the scheme.	01 April 2022	Complete	The £10m Mental Health Support Fund was announced on 19 April 2021 and was open to community and voluntary sector organisations with charitable purposes offering services for people with mental ill health throughout Northern Ireland. It is also intended that C&V sector organisations will have an opportunity to apply for

						DoH Core Grant Funding from April 2022.
4.2	Provide resources to GPs to allow them access to a greater range of self-help supports to offer young people.	13	Provide a greater range of self-help support for young people.	31 January 2022	Complete	HSCB will link with colleagues in MDT's to ensure the Youth Wellness Hub and directories of services that provide help to young people are shared.
Objective: Needs led support and treatment in mental health hospitals						
4.3	The administration of prescription medication for young people must comply with NICE guidelines. Where medication is prescribed to a young person with a history of alcohol and/ or drug problems this should be risk assessed and appropriately supervised. HSCB must monitor prescribing data to ensure compliance with NICE guidelines.	14	Undertake a review of prescribing data and ensure medication for mental health to children and young people is appropriate.	01 April 2021	Complete	A study to test a prescribing sample "Prescribing in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services" was carried out by NHSCT in July 2020.

4.4	The complete range of evidence based, effective psychological treatments and alternative therapies should be made available to children and young people. Targets for accessing such treatments should be set in the best interests of children and young people, met, closely monitored and reviewed.	15	Fully implement psychological therapies in CAMHS, as per the existing 2010 Psychological Therapies Strategy.	This action will be taken forward as part of the Mental Health Strategy 2021-2031	In progress	This action is being taken forward as part of the 2021-31 Mental Health Strategy. Action 19 of the Strategy is to embed psychological services into mainstream mental health services and ensure psychological therapies are available across all steps of care.
4.5	Children should receive the most appropriate and effective inpatient care for their mental health. This should be tailored and appropriate to the level of need, and include the provision of inpatient intensive care where necessary.	18	Evaluate and analyse the need for Psychiatric Intensive Care provisions in Northern Ireland and make decision on the future need.	01 February 2021	Complete	4 PICU beds available from 1st February 2021.
4.6	Reasons for the increase in the number of young people being detained in Beechcroft needs to be urgently interrogated. Similarly, an examination of the variances in referral rates to Beechcroft by HSCTs should be carried out. A clear policy response and actions should be taken forward as a result, in the best interests of children and young people.	19	Evaluate and analyse the use of detentions in Beechcroft.	From January 2021 onwards - data to be analysed every 3 months.	Complete	A report with 3 years data is now available. This will report will be completed every 6 months.
Objective: Children and Young People on Adult wards						

4.7	The practice of admitting children onto adult mental health wards should end. Children and young people requiring inpatient mental healthcare should receive it separately from adults.	17	Ensure suitable protocols exist for children who are admitted to adult wards.	Complete	Complete	All Health and Social Care Trusts have a protocol in place to manage admissions of children under the age of 18 to adult wards. Where appropriate, the relevant provisions of the MCA provide a statutory requirement to ensure age appropriate accommodation is available.
4.8	When a young person is admitted to a general paediatric bed for mental health treatment or care, the DoH should request that RQIA are notified, and provided with information on what care and treatment is being provided.	50	Review processes and consider a regional protocol for notifying RQIA when children are admitted to any paediatric wards for mental health treatment or care.	01 April 2022	In progress	To be taken forward by DoH.
4.9	An evaluation of the compliance with, and effectiveness of, the Card Before You Leave scheme (CBYL) for children and young people in A&E should be carried out.	25	Review the Card Before You Leave (CBYL) Scheme for children and young people.	31 March 2022	In progress	To be taken forward by HSCB.
Objective: Implement and monitor minimum care standards in A&E						

4.10	Crisis intervention support for children and young people should be available 24 hours a day, all year round, in all HSCTs.	23	Create a regional crisis service for children and young people.	This action will be taken forward as part of the Mental Health Strategy 2021-2031	In progress	This action is being taken forward as part of the 2021-31 Mental Health Strategy. Action 12 of the Strategy is to "Create clear and regionally consistent urgent, emergency and crisis services for children and young people that will work together with crisis services for adult mental health" and Action 27 is to "Create a Regional Mental Health Crisis Service that is fully integrated in mental health services and which will provide help and support for persons in mental health or suicidal crisis". A new regional crisis service was announced in August 2021 and an implementation plan for the new service has been developed by the HSCB/PHA and provided to the Department . Action 6 of the "Regional Mental Health Crisis Service for N Ireland" is to "deliver a regionally consistent mental health liaison service across all
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						Emergency Departments and acute hospital settings, so that all who require a mental health assessment, regardless of age, will receive such assessment at the time of need".
5. Key Theme: - Moving from child to adult services						
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Objective: Transition planning from CAMHS to post-18						

5.1	A Regional Transitions Policy and Procedure which is compliant with NICE Transition Guidelines should be developed and implemented, to ensure that all young people transition smoothly between CAMHS and AMHS. Develop a mental health 'bridging service' for young people aged 16 to 25 years old, that allows for a smoother, flexible and young person centred transition between services.	29	Develop proposals for transitions between CAMHS and adult mental health services, engaging widely with all relevant stakeholders.	This action will be taken forward as part of the Mental Health Strategy 2021-2031	In progress	This is being taken forward as part of the 2021-31 Mental Health Strategy. Action 13 of the Strategy is to "Develop proposals for transitions between CAMHS and adult mental health services, engaging widely with all relevant stakeholders".
5.2	As above.	29	Develop a transition dataset as part of the CAMHS dataset.	TBC	Complete	This is contained within CAMHS dataset. See action 1.5.

6. Key Theme: - Flexible treatment options

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Objective: Provide clear information on service standards and how to make a complaint and feedback						
6.1	Develop user-friendly guidance for young people and parents/carers which explain their right to complain, and sets out the minimum standards of care they should expect.	28	Audit of existing complaints process across Trust and review complaints made within 2 years for baseline. Consult with existing Service User groups re: appropriateness of current arrangements.	31 March 2022	In progress	Young people involved in CYPSP and the Youth Wellness Hub are considering this action.

Objective: Strengthen involvement of young people in decisions about their care and how services are delivered						
6.2	<p>Development of an action plan to strengthen advocacy, enhance peer support, and develop practice standards to evidence the involvement of young people in service development, and in their own care planning.</p> <p>Revise and establish fora in each HSCT to support the active engagement of children young people and their parents/carers, to inform both acute and community care. Views expressed through this engagement should be considered at the practice based meetings, where day to day issues are raised and discussed.</p>	26, 27	<p>Scope children and young people involvement in service evaluation and development.</p> <p>Consider development of an action plan and setting up a mental health youth forum in each Trust to support this action.</p>	31 March 2022	In progress	HSCB will carry out a scoping exercise across Trusts to identify and review existing arrangements and determine best way forward.
Objective: Ensure full range of evidence based treatment interventions are available in line with NICE Guidelines						
7. Key Theme: - Mental health awareness and understanding						
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Objective: Educate children and young people about their emotional wellbeing as part of the curriculum						

7.1	Comprehensive mental health and wellbeing education for pupils should be provided as a core part of the education curriculum. This should ensure that all young people have sufficient vocabulary to talk about their emotional well-being and mental health, know how to look after their mental health, have an understanding of the help available and how to access it.	32	<p>Promotion, prevention and early intervention around emotional wellbeing will be at the core of The Emotional Health and Wellbeing Framework (the Wellbeing Framework) being developed jointly by DE, PHA, DoH and the Education Authority.</p> <p>This will include use of the curriculum and curriculum based resources available to support teachers in its delivery.</p>	This action will be taken forward as part of the Emotional Health & Wellbeing in Education Framework	In progress	This will be taken forward as part of the Emotional Health & Wellbeing in Education Framework and Implementation Plan which was published on 26th February 2021.
Objective: Education providers should work more closely with mental health services						
7.2	Education and mental health service providers should develop formal partnerships in order to holistically meet the needs of children in education at all levels, and for those children and young people receiving their education 'other than at school'.	33	Education and Health interventions delivered under the Emotional Health & Wellbeing in Education Framework to be delivered as part of an integrated model of support across Education and Health and Social Care services to address the emotional health & wellbeing needs of children & young people	This action will be taken forward as part of the Emotional Health & Wellbeing in Education Framework	In progress	This will be taken forward as part of the Emotional Health & Wellbeing in Education Framework and Implementation Plan which was published on 26th February 2021.

			within educational settings.			
Objective: Provide information at key stages and transition points						
7.3	Equal emphasis should be placed on the measurement and improvement of the wellbeing of children and young people in education, as on academic attainment. Schools should be inspected by ETI on their ability to develop the conditions required to nurture young people's wellbeing.	34	The Emotional Health and Wellbeing in Education Framework will provide clear structures of support, including clarification of the links and pathways of referrals to the appropriate services, based on the child/young person's needs.	31 January 2022	In progress	In publishing the Emotional Health and Wellbeing in Education Framework, the Department of Education has highlighted the importance of the wellbeing of our children & young people and the implementation combine to form an integrated model of support across Education and Health & Social Care services to effectively support them in their educational setting. ETI has also incorporated consideration of wellbeing within the inspection process.
Objective: Strengthen public awareness and community capacity building						

7.4	<p>A programme of public awareness and community capacity building on mental health and emotional well-being should be developed, and regionally implemented with a specific focus on geographical areas, and groups with the highest risk factors for poor mental health.</p>	36	<p>Commission qualitative research on mental health literacy, language and awareness of services appropriate for children and young people to inform future awareness raising programmes including for example the Change Your Mind programme which is designed to tackle mental health stigma and discrimination.</p> <p>Subject to resource availability, pilot two programmes in 2020/21 to support resilience in post-primary schools; and embed Mental and Emotional Wellbeing in the curriculum to maximise success in further and higher education.</p> <p>Links with Protect Life 2 objective and associated actions to improve awareness of suicide</p>	Through 2020/21	Complete	<p>Stress Control in Schools Programme was piloted in 9 post-primary schools in North Belfast, throughout 2019/20. Aimed at 15 year olds, it incorporates CBT, mindfulness and positive psychology; and is run over 8 weekly single school periods, delivered by teachers who can be trained in one day.</p> <p>59 teachers were trained and the programme was partially delivered to 1200 pupils. Challenges were experienced in delivering the programme in already busy school timetables.</p> <p>Independent evaluation of the BLOOM programme has recently been completed.</p>
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8. Key Theme: - Young people with additional needs

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Objective: Equal access for young people with a learning disability to services and support

8.1	A comprehensive and integrated mental health service model across Northern Ireland for children and young people with a learning disability should be agreed and implemented. This model must ensure that young people with a learning disability can access comparable services and support as young people without a disability.	39	Understand current provision of ID CAMHS across all Trusts through undertaking scoping exercise of existing pathways.	31 March 2022	In progress	Additional investment will be required to take forward any work in this area however, this action will also be taken forward as part of the 2021-31 Mental Health Strategy. Action 11 of the Strategy is to "Ensure that the needs of infants are met in mental health services, and meet the needs of vulnerable children and young people when developing and improving CAMHS, putting in place a 'no wrong door' approach". Further work in this area will be informed by the scoping exercise that was completed recently.
8.2	Immediate steps must be taken to ensure that all detentions of children and young people in the Iveagh Centre under the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 is proportionate and appropriate.	40	Establish a regional Board with HSCB/Iveagh and 5 Trusts to strengthen operating procedures within Iveagh to prevent delayed discharges as well as keep focus of plans to discharge.	01 May 2021	Complete	Structures established to oversee delayed discharges.

8.3	A comprehensive and integrated mental health service model across Northern Ireland for children and young people with a learning disability should be agreed and implemented. This model must ensure that young people with a learning disability can access comparable services and support as young people without a disability.	39	Development of the Children and Young People Emotional Health and Wellbeing Framework including scoping of a regional ADHD service.	31 March 2022	In progress	This will be taken forward as part of HSCB Children and Young People Emotional Health and Wellbeing Framework/Review of children's Disability Framework.
8.4	A comprehensive review of community based emotional, mental and behavioural support services for young people with a learning disability.	39	Carry out a review of community based emotional, mental and behavioural support services for children and young people.	01 April 2022	In progress	This will be taken forward as part of HSCB Children and Young People Emotional Health and Wellbeing Framework/Review of children's Disability Framework.
Objective: Access to services to address mental health and substance use problems at the same time						
8.5	Inpatient care and treatment should be provided for young people with co-occurring drug and/or alcohol and mental health problems, who cannot be safely and effectively supported within the community. This provision should take a holistic approach to need, provide a range of interventions and be fully	44	Establish a service that will provide support and care for young people with co-occurring drug and/or alcohol and mental health problems.	This action will be taken forward as part of the Mental Health Strategy 2021-2031	In progress	This action is being taken forward as part of the 2021-31 Mental Health Strategy. Action 28 of the Strategy is to "Create a managed care network with experts in dual diagnosis, supporting and building capacity in both mental health and substance use services, to ensure that these services

	integrated into the Stepped Care CAMHS service model.					meet the full needs of those with co-occurring issues ".
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8.6	<p>Statutory CAMHS should adopt a ‘harm reduction approach’ to ensure that young people can access mental health support whilst withdrawing from substances. Appropriate levels of supervision and support for young people withdrawing from substances should be provided. Universal and timely access to Drug and Mental Health Services (DAMHS) should be available across Northern Ireland. DAMHS should be closely aligned to CAMHS, and closely linked to Step 2 commissioned drugs and alcohol services. Step 4 specialist intensive community based support and interventions for young people with drug and/or alcohol and mental health problems should be expediently developed, and provided across Northern Ireland. This should include day treatment programmes and age-appropriate interventions. Inpatient care and treatment should be provided for young people with co-occurring drug and/or alcohol and mental health</p>	41, 42, 43	<p>The HSCB and the PHA will review services available for children and young people, particularly looking at the transition of young people from children to adult services, and ensure this is incorporated into the new outcomes-focused strategic plan being developed to replace the Alcohol and Drugs Services Commissioning Framework.</p>	30 December 2022	In progress	<p>This work will be taken forward as part of the Substance Use Strategy 2021-2031 which was published by DoH on 7 September 2021. The necessary implementation bodies for the new strategy are in the process of being established, with the overarching Programme Board chaired by the Chief Medical Officer holding its first meeting on 30 November 2021. In addition the HSC Substance Misuse Strategic Planning Group jointly chaired by the PHA and HSCB has also been established and held its first meeting on 23 November 2021.</p>
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problems, who cannot be safely and effectively supported within the community. This provision should take a holistic approach to need, provide a range of interventions and be fully integrated into the Stepped Care CAMHSservice model.

