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"Safeguarding Emotional Wellbeing" Dorset Looked after Children

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Supporting people in Dorset to lead healthier lives

Journey so Far

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2015 Review

2016 Voice of LAC & CL

2016 CCG Investment & Commitment

2017-2018 Implementation

Commissioning of effective emotional and mental health provision.

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- Young people told us that there is a gap in health provision in addressing their emotional health if they do not have a mental health diagnoses.

- Listening to young people with in the care system to inform the commissioning of effective emotional and mental health provision is the key to closing this Gap.

Emotional Health & Well-Being Practitioners

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Why it's working;

•Creativity in filling the gap, needed something different, listening and responding to LAC &CL's.

•Protective roles, collocated within LA's, EH&WB everyone's responsibility.

•Improved multiagency EH&WB step up and step down pathways

•Speciality, flexibility, YP seen on their terms and on their turf.

Case Studies of effectiveness

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"May I just take this opportunity to thank you for this invaluable work with R. I have been a Carer for many years and if there had been an EH&WB Practitioner to help the youngsters it would have been amazing. We, as foster carers, can only do our best to provide the warm, nurturing environment these young people desperately need. We work alongside good social workers but the expertise the EH&WB practitioner role brings is giving me an insight into how vitally important it is to address the emotional damage at a nearby stage."

Carer 2019

Case Studies of effectiveness

"I have been working closely with EH&WB practitioner from June 2018 until January 2019 to support a young person looked after, with significant and complex mental health needs. EH&WB Practitioner was able to swiftly build up a positive rapport with my young person and later a relationship based on trust and mutual respect. I believe that this positive therapeutic relation has been a key factor for H and his transition to adulthood as he has been enabled to reengage with key health services i.e. CAMHS, GP and substance misuse services and to be transferred to adult mental health services on his 18th birthday"

Social Worker 2019

The Journey Continues

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Thank You for Listening

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