



Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing Taskforce: Call for Professionals' Views

What is the Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing Taskforce?

The Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing Taskforce has been set up to consider some of the biggest challenges facing mental health provision for children and young people, and to find ways to tackle these problems across the system.

The detail of the work within the Taskforce is currently taking place in Task and Finish Groups, which are built around the four key themes identified by our members:

- Data and Standards
- Access and Prevention
- A co-ordinated system
- Vulnerable Groups and Inequalities

How can professionals get involved?

Engaging with front line professionals is a key part of finding solutions. We want to give professionals working with children and young people from across different sectors a chance to feed in their views to the work of the Taskforce. Our areas of focus will be specific issues raised by the Taskforce's task and finish groups, about which we want to hear your experiences and ideas, whether it be in health, education, or wider youth work.

There are two opportunities for professionals to get involved:

1. Professionals Regional Engagement Events (24 Nov, 27 Nov, 4 Dec) – NOW OPEN FOR BOOKING

The regional events will broadly cover the four Task and Finish group areas: Data and Standards; Access and Prevention; A co-ordinated system; and Vulnerable Groups and Inequalities. However, the events aim to delve into more detail than the survey, and the specific discussions will be informed by the results of the survey.

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet and network with professionals from across a range of sectors, and come together to find practical solutions that

could make a real difference to the mental health and well-being of children and young people.

Three events are taking place across the country, to try and make this opportunity as accessible as possible. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Taunton (24 Nov): <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cyp-mental-health-taskforce-professionals-engagement-south-west-tickets-14259864639>

Leeds (27 Nov): <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cyp-mental-health-taskforce-professionals-engagement-north-east-tickets-14260031137>

London (4 Dec): <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cyp-mental-health-taskforce-professionals-engagement-south-east-tickets-14259974969>

2. Professionals Engagement Survey – COMING SOON

We have heard about the problems that children and young people face in getting the right support for their mental health needs. We now want to hear from professionals on the ground about their constructive suggestions for delivering real improvements.

We have therefore put together some questions regarding the specific areas we are seeking views on. We want practical solutions and steps that may not have occurred to our Taskforce members. Ideas can be short, medium, or long term. If you have personal experience of something working well or badly, then please do include this.

To take part in the survey, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-services>

Who should take part?

There are no special requirements to take part, this is an open call for views. We want to hear views on these issues from a diverse range of professionals who work with children and young people directly or indirectly and have experience to share with us.

Engagement of Children and Young People and their families will be taking place separately to this engagement. If you would like to know more about this engagement, please contact CYPMHTaskforce@dh.gsi.gov.uk

What will happen to the views I feed in?

The Taskforce is set to report back on its findings in Spring 2015, and your views at will complement and feed into the themed Task and Finish Groups which are powering the core work of the Taskforce.

Where can I find out more?

More information on the Taskforce and the Task and Finish Groups can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-well-being-taskforce>

Follow the latest Taskforce news, and feed in your views, on Twitter using [#CYPMHTaskforce](https://twitter.com/CYPMHTaskforce).

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