

# CAMHS REVIEW

## Next steps to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health<sup>1</sup> of children and young people

**The Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families and the Secretary of State for Health have asked Jo Davidson and Dr Bob Jezzard to lead an independent review to see how we can improve services to effectively meet the educational, health and social care needs of children and young people at risk of, and experiencing, mental health problems.**

There have been considerable improvements in the delivery and quality of child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS), but there are still areas of development needed to meet the needs of every child. The Review will take stock of progress to date and investigate what practical solutions those developing policy and delivering, managing and commissioning services can use to address current challenges and deliver better outcomes for children and young people.

### Key questions for the Review will be:

- 1 What progress has been made so far in delivering comprehensive CAMHS?
- 2 How can mainstream, universal, targeted and specialist services be more effective in promoting the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children, young people and their families/carers and in ensuring they get the support they need?
- 3 How effectively are current resources being used and what difference are they making?
- 4 How are care pathways defined and understood? What are the current issues relating to care pathways and how can they best be addressed?
- 5 What is required at national and regional level to facilitate the CAMHS elements of the Child Health and Wellbeing Public Service Agreement (PSA)? What are the issues that are preventing us improving emotional wellbeing and mental health?
- 6 What are the priority actions for national, regional and local stakeholders as well as for children and young people and their parents/carers that will help improve emotional wellbeing and mental health and child and adolescent mental health services?

Jo Davidson and Bob Jezzard will be reporting to Government in October 2008.

### Getting involved

Further information can be obtained from [www.dcsf.gov.uk/CAMHSreview/](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/CAMHSreview/).  
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<sup>1</sup> Throughout this paper the term 'mental health' includes 'mental illness'.