

Committee	Dated:
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Report of: Director of Community and Children's Services	For Information
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Summary

Members are asked to note the report which outlines the number of counselling staff at each of the City's family of schools. The report also notes that officers are in the process of scheduling mental health first aid training for City school staff members.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

Main Report

Background

- Members have noted in previous Education Board meetings the importance of mental health provision at City Schools. The mental health of pupils and staff has been identified as an ongoing concern in all the City schools (Trust, Co-sponsored and Independent) and discussions around mental health have arisen in a number of meetings with City school staff and governors.

Counsellors in City schools

- Members requested an update on how many counsellors are employed at each of the City's family of schools. The below table outlines the counselling services at each of the schools

School	Number of counsellors	Full Time Equivalent
City of London School	3 Part Time	1
City of London School for Girls	3 Part Time	1.3
City of London Freeman's	1	1
COLA Southwark	3 Part time	0.6
COLA Islington	3 Part time	0.6
COLA Highbury Grove	2 Part time	1
COLA Highgate Hill	2 Part Time	0.3
COLA Shoreditch Park	1	1
City Academy Hackney	4 Part Time	0.6
Newham 6 th Form	1	0.2
Redriff Primary	0	0

Galleywall Primary	0	0
COLPA Islington	0	0
Sir John Cass	0	0

3. The City's primary schools do not employ any counsellors but have pastoral teams that provide support to pupils and families. They also use their relevant local authority CAMHS provision when needed. All schools can access CAHMS services provided by the local authority they are based in.

Mental Health first aid training

4. In partnership with the City Corporation Public Health team, we will be offering teachers at the City's academies the opportunity to do Mental Health First Aid training with Mental Health First Aid England. The City of London School has used this service and found it very useful. Staff will be trained as instructors, so they will be able to train other staff in mental health first aid at their schools.
5. Half of the cost of the training programmes will be covered by the Public Health team, and the other half covered by the Education Unit. Officers are in the process of organising the training sessions, with the aim of scheduling the sessions before the half-term break at the end of May.

Conclusion

6. This report notes the number of counselling staff employed by the City's family of schools. The report also notes that the City Corporation will be providing mental health first aid training to City Schools.

Appendices

- None

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