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Bloom Cornwall-wide Steering Group - Terms of Reference

Introduction

Bloom is designed to provide a rapid and responsive service for children and young people from 0 - 18, and its core purpose is **helping young people to thrive: a consultation model for professionals offering an holistic approach, across services, to support children's emotional and social wellbeing.**

Working within the Tavistock i-Thrive model, Bloom is a consultation model for professionals. Within every Bloom Professionals Consultation meeting, psychological formulations and the needs of individual children and young people are determined and a plan of positive next steps agreed so that the child/young person may be better able to thrive. Bloom is supported by a Cornwall-wide Steering Group which oversees Bloom as a county-wide multi-organisational initiative, and by Locality Steering Groups which oversee and support each local Bloom model. Bloom Locality Steering Groups are each represented on the over-arching Bloom Cornwall-wide Steering Group.

Bloom has a number of Underpinning Principles, agreed annually by the Bloom Cornwall-wide Steering Group, to which all Bloom Locality Steering Groups adhere in the operation of their Bloom model. The development and implementation of a Locality Bloom model will build upon the learning from Bloom models already extant within Cornwall, but each Bloom Locality Steering Group will wish to ensure that the Locality Bloom model they adopt is inflected by the Locality within which it takes place.

Bloom encourages a test-and-learn approach so that modifications and improvements to the Bloom model may be made in a timely fashion, always subject to the Bloom Underpinning Principles.

Bloom is integral to the realisation of [One Vision](#), the multi-agency partnership plan for transforming services to children, young people and their families living in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly through the establishment of a shared vision, ambition and principles for integrating children's education, health and social care services; the Education Strategy (www.cornwall.gov.uk/educationstrategy), particularly the Strategy's determination to 'promote, protect and improve our children and young people's mental and physical health and wellbeing in educational settings and recognise that this underpins the ability for us to achieve all other priorities (Education Strategy Priority 4); and the CAMHS Transformation Strategy ('Turning the Tide' reflects the views of young people and parents in Cornwall and aims to ensure that those who experience emotional wellbeing and mental health problems get the right help at the right time).

Purpose and Remit of the Bloom Cornwall-wide Steering Group

- The Bloom Cornwall-wide Steering Group will work together to develop, implement, embed, promote, monitor and review the operation of the Bloom model across Cornwall.
- The Bloom Cornwall-wide Steering Group will adopt a test-and-learn approach to enable timely modifications and improvements to the Bloom model.
- The membership of the Bloom Cornwall-wide Steering Group will include representatives of all Locality Bloom Steering Groups.

Responsibilities of the Bloom Cornwall-wide Steering Group

- To appoint a Chair and note-taker so that actions may be noted and implemented.
- To ensure that meetings of the Bloom Cornwall-wide Steering Group take place at regular agreed intervals, are minuted and actions are followed up.
- To develop, discuss and monitor the Bloom model and its operation across the county, identifying synergies and more effective ways of collaborative and partnership working, and proactively seeking opportunities to enhance the operation of the Bloom model.
- To provide a channel of communication between the Bloom Locality Steering Groups and the Bloom Cornwall-wide Steering Group, and with the i-Thrive Group, Turning the Tide and the broader One Vision partnership.
- To ensure that the Bloom model achieves a high profile, buy-in and support within the partner organisations and wider community.
- To ensure that confidentiality is maintained, and that data and information are collected, held and shared only in accordance with legislative requirements and as determined by the information- and data-sharing governance protocols of Bloom's constituent organisations.
- To ensure that reports on the Bloom model activity are prepared and distributed as required by the Bloom Cornwall-wide Steering Group constituent organisational members.
- To participate and assist in any evaluation activity required by the Bloom Cornwall-wide Steering Group constituent organisational members to the extent permitted by their organisational information- and data-sharing governance protocols.
- To keep under continual review (through proactively seeking feedback) and agree annually the Bloom Underpinning Principles.
- To ensure that any safeguarding and/or CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation) risks that may be identified are notified to the MARU using agreed protocols.

Bloom Cornwall-wide Steering Group Composition

The membership of the Bloom Cornwall-wide Steering Group will include

- one representative from all Bloom Locality Steering Groups
- Clinical Psychologist
- Representative from Primary Mental Health
- HeadStart Kernow Locality Coordinator
- The Learning Partnership HeadStart Kernow Community Project Manager
- Representative from Primary Care
- Representative from Health Watch
- Representative from the Early Help Hub
- Social Emotional & Mental Health County Strategic Lead, Cornwall Council
- Representative from third sector organisations
- Social services representative
- CAPH
- CASH
- Parent/carer representative
- Child/young person representative

In addition, any other relevant party can be invited to attend as appropriate.

Frequency of Meetings

Meetings will be held regularly. It is suggested that they be held quarterly but this will be for the Bloom Cornwall-wide Steering Group to determine.

Reporting

The Bloom Cornwall-wide Steering Group will prepare such reports as necessary to inform itself of the effectiveness of the operation of the Bloom model across the county or as required by its constituent organisational members.

Standing Agenda Items

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies
2. Matters Arising
3. Update from the Bloom Locality Steering Groups
4. Risks and Issues
5. Information and Data Collection, and Evaluation
6. AOB

Servicing of the Bloom Cornwall-wide Steering Group

The Bloom Cornwall-wide Steering Group will be serviced by HeadStart Kernow in the first instance.