Focus Priority: Tackling poor mental health of female pupils and parents

The data tells us:

- Manningham and Girlington and are often talked about in a joined way (because they neighbour each other geographically) but Manningham is a ward area in itself and Girlington is a defined area in City ward. Both Manningham and City wards are part of the six wards that form Bradford West constituency area. Manningham is ranked as the most deprived ward in the District by the 2019 Index of Multiple Deprivation.
- In 2019 Manningham ward has the lowest life expectancy rates for both males and females in the Bradford district. There is a 10 years difference in life expectancy between people living in Manningham and Wharfedale (the most affluent area of the District).
- Manningham and Girlington has the highest infant mortality rates across the Bradford District.
- Poor mental health is an issue in Manningham and Girlington. For example, Manningham has the second highest level of mothers screened for depression at 6-8 weeks after birth.

Convening Partnership

Our convening partnership includes representatives from the Local Authority, Bradford Children & Families Trust, schools and Multi Academy Trusts, VCS organisations, Public Health, ICB, Youth Service, Family Hub/Early Help, Born in Bradford and Age of Wonder research, NHS England and Bradford District Care Trust.

Statement of intent

We agreed our ‘Statement of Intent’ which contextualises the issue using data and community voices and states our locally agreed actions and recommendations for commissioners.

From this, we have developed an action plan so we can keep our convening partnership updated and we can monitor progress.
Intended Outcomes

our intended outcomes for our focus priority are:

1. Young people have their mental health needs met. They are engaged in our conversation (through Bradford Citizens Alliance and our convening partnership) about what they want and need
2. All schools in Manningham & Girlington utilise the Living Well Schools offer
3. All schools in Manningham & Girlington access the ‘Healthy Minds’ offer (e.g. Mental Health Senior Leads Training, Mental Health Champions in Schools, Healthy Minds Chartermark & Directory of Services)
4. School Governors oversee and champion mental health in schools (helping to consolidate our efforts by encouraging take up)
5. Our community voices and reps are reflected through our VCSE partners supporting engagement and conversation
6. Families access support that is nearer to where they live and better coordinated through our Hub of integrated, co-located services
7. Success is measured through utilising support of CAER/ Age of Wonder evaluation support to enable us to monitor the take up and impact of this work

Longer term ambitions

- We move onto focusing on our next collectively agreed priority issue
- We secure funding so our convening partnership has a ‘community budget’ that they can use to commission support/activity above and beyond what is currently available
- We develop our Manningham & Girlington Hub (at Dixons Allerton Academy) as a base for co-located, integrated service delivery

Our partners include