

Central Bedfordshire Council

Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Central Bedfordshire Implementation Plan for The First 1,001 Days of a Child's Life: from Conception to 2 years

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Purpose of this report

1. To consider the Central Bedfordshire Implementation Plan for The First 1,001 Days of a Child's Life: from Conception to 2 years.
2. To provide the Committee with the opportunity to comment on the key priorities and actions outlined in the plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to:

1. Approve the priorities and actions – aiming for the best for children, young people and families in Central Bedfordshire;
2. Champion the implementation of defined actions across all services and organisations.

Background

3. Evidence shows that what happens in the first 1001 days of a child's life (from conception to age 2) has a significant impact on physical and emotional health and development all the way through to adulthood.
4. This crucial time-period is one of seven priority areas of focus in the Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan 2018-21.

5. The Implementation Plan for The First 1,001 Days of a Child's Life in **Appendix 1** details the key priorities and actions to achieve the best outcomes for children, young people and families in Central Bedfordshire.

Council Priorities

6. The Implementation Plan supports Central Bedfordshire's Five Year Plan 2015-2020 and the specific priorities of improving education and skills and protecting the vulnerable and improving wellbeing.

Legal Implications

7. None.

Financial and Risk Implications

8. There is the potential for future financial and resource pressures across the system if improvements in children and young people's health and wellbeing are not realised.

Equalities Implications

9. Central Bedfordshire Council has a statutory duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics; age disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
10. Implementation of the plan will help to tackle inequalities and build resilience.

Conclusion and next Steps

11. The Committee is asked to champion the implementation of the plan with a particular emphasis on ensuring that there is commitment across the system from all services to 'aim for the best' in all outcomes for all children, young people and families.

Appendices

12. The following Appendix is provided:

Appendix 1:

The First 1001 Days of a Child's Life: from Conception to 2 years
Implementation Plan

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