

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan (2018 - 21)

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1. Purpose of this report

1. To present the final Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan (2018-21) for endorsement.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Endorse the Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan (2018-21). **Appendix A**

Background

2. On 12 July 2017, the Health and Wellbeing Board received a presentation on the strategic partnership leadership arrangements for children – including the development of a new Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) for Central Bedfordshire. The draft Children and Young People's Plan was presented to the Board. The final Plan is now included with this report.
3. A partnership approach has been taken to the development of the CYPP with the Children's Leadership Board leading on this piece of work. Membership includes representation from:
 - Children's Services
 - Public Health

- Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
 - Bedfordshire Police
 - Adult services
 - Head teachers
 - East London NHS Foundation trust
 - Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust
 - Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board
4. The Plan was endorsed by Executive on 5 December 2017. However following the meeting, a further suggestion was made by children and young people as the word 'obsession' (used to describe the 3 core areas of focus) was felt to have negative connotations. The word 'passion' was put forward as an alternative and agreed by the Children's Leadership Board on 14 December 2017.
 5. The final Plan is included as **Appendix A**.

Developing the Plan

6. The approach taken has been to develop a short, concise plan – focussed on tackling key issues that would make a positive difference to the lives of children and young people.
7. Work to develop the CYPP has been rigorous. Data and demand analysis supporting the Children's Services Transformation Programme and the Medium Term Financial Plan have been used to inform key priorities. The following has also been subject to review:
 - The latest JSNA Executive Summary;
 - Director of Public Health report 'Aiming for the best for children, young people and families in Central Bedfordshire' ;
 - Council and partner plans e.g. Partnership Vision for Education, SEND Vision.
8. The CYPP embraces the ambition of the Children's Services Transformation Programme with a commitment to becoming even more family centric – building an integrated multi-agency locality model.
9. From the work undertaken three core passions have been identified that will have the most significant impact on children and families lives. The 3 passions will be the focus of joint working within localities and will be carefully monitored by the CLB:
 - Reducing the number of children and young people exposed to domestic abuse incidents;
 - Improving emotional health, wellbeing and resilience;
 - Improving educational outcomes across every key stage, helping young people to become work ready.

10. **Appendix B** provides further detail of information used to shape the Plan and define priorities and passions.
11. The CYPP also supports delivery of the following:
 - Supporting good parenting to enable children to have the best start in life;
 - Focussing on self-help and prevention – tackling root causes and parental risk factors to achieve positive sustained family outcomes;
 - Improving the learning outcomes of children and young people in Central Bedfordshire – in particular for disadvantaged pupils;
 - Recognising the unique challenges faced by teenagers - ensuring children are supported into adulthood;
 - Improving the emotional wellbeing, resilience and mental health of children, young people and their families in Central Bedfordshire;
 - Ensuring the voice of the child helps to shape services.
12. Engagement has included with:
 - Children and young people including Children in Care Council, Youth Parliament, Youth Central, Houghton Regis Youth Club.
 - Key stakeholders and boards e.g. Health and Wellbeing Board, Partnership Vision for Education Board, Support and Aspiration Board, Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board, Voluntary Organisations for Children, young people and families (VOCypf), Youth Offending Chief Officers Group.
13. A summary of feedback provided is included as **Appendix C**.

Measuring progress against the Plan

14. The key measures detailed in the final Plan relate to the 3 passions - performance against which will be monitored by the Children’s Leadership Board. In addition, detailed performance frameworks within Central Bedfordshire’s strategic governance arrangements will also support delivery of the Plan e.g.
 - Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (CBSCB) - has a framework of measures to support improvements associated with keeping children safe.
 - Partnership Vision for Education Board – a new performance framework will be developed to ensure oversight of educational outcomes at each of the key stages and e.g. monitoring of key areas which support this e.g. attendance and exclusion.

15. The broader set of measures referenced within the earlier draft of the Plan will be aligned to the appropriate Board / Group for monitoring. (In many instances, this is taking place already.)
16. Exception reporting will take place to the Children's Leadership Board – where performance is significantly under or over performing.
17. Members of the Children's Leadership Board have been nominated/ are being identified as champions for each of the 'how' bubbles within the Plan - from the following organisations:
 - First 1001 days of a child's life – Public Health
 - Targeted early help – Children's Services
 - Adverse Childhood Experiences – ELFT, Adult Services
 - Children and young people with long term complex needs (including children with SEND) - Children's Services
 - Unique challenges faced by teenagers – ELFT, Police, Children's Services
 - Improving learning outcomes for children and young people – Partnership Vision for Education Board – supported by a number of head teacher representatives from Children's Leadership Board.
 - Voice of children, young people and families – Children's Services

Financial and Risk Implications

18. Working with partners to deliver services in a more integrated way, with a focus on prevention and early intervention, remains a key driver of the Children and Young People's Plan, which also aims to deliver efficiencies. All priorities set out in the Plan will be delivered within partners agreed financial resources.
19. Risk management will be embedded through the processes of delivery planning and performance monitoring.
20. Partner capacity is a risk to the delivery of the Plan. The development of the Plan which includes consideration of priorities and outcomes is being led by the Children's Leadership Board (key partners are members of this Board).

Governance and Delivery Implications

21. The Children's Leadership Board will monitor progress against the Plan. A performance framework is being developed to support this and an annual report will be produced – setting out the progress made.

Equalities Implications

22. 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.

23. An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken alongside the development of the Plan to ensure that there is due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between in respect of protected characteristics.
24. The Plan has a strong focus on a range of important issues, such as supporting good parenting, early intervention, domestic violence, SEN, attainment, mental health, adolescence, education, training and employment all of which will help improve outcomes for vulnerable groups. Findings include:
 - The Plan references the need to protect vulnerable children and young people. This includes young carers but further clarity is required in the action planning as to the support provided to young carers.
 - There is a need to ensure that performance frameworks developed and monitored consider the need to improve educational outcomes for children with SEND.
 - There is a gap in the information in prevalence data and qualitative information around issues of gender identity and sexual orientation. The 2017/18 SHEU Survey will build on our understanding of the issues faced by LGB & T pupils with questions on how much they worry about their gender identity/sexual orientation and where they go to for help with this. This data will need to be reviewed.
25. The above findings will be taken into consideration with the associated action planning.

Implications for Work Programme

26. An annual report will be produced – setting out progress made against the Plan. The report will be shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board in accordance with the Protocol for Joint Working Between Strategic Boards.

Conclusion and next Steps

27. The Children and Young People's Plan focuses on current issues identified for children and young people in Central Bedfordshire.
28. It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board endorse the Plan.

Appendices

- Appendix A:** Children and Young People's Plan (2018–21)
Appendix B: Information used to shape the Plan
Appendix C: Feedback summary

The following Appendix is attached/provided through an electronic link:

Details in respect of the Equality Impact Assessment:

<http://www.centralbedfordshirechildrenstrust.org.uk/cbct/useful-links/useful-links>

Background Papers

None.