

**END OF YEAR REVIEW OF THE CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PLAN'S DELIVERY PLAN FOR 2015-2016**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide a review of the progress with the priorities and key actions in the Children, Young People and Families (CYPF) Plan during 2015 – 2016.

**Information and Advice**

2. The Children, Young People and Families (CYPF) Plan for 2014-2016 is the joint strategic plan of Nottinghamshire Children's Trust. It is aligned with the [Health and Wellbeing Strategy](#) for Nottinghamshire.
3. The CYPF Plan was approved by Nottinghamshire Children's Trust in January 2014, and by Nottinghamshire County Council's Policy Committee in March 2014.
4. The main evidence base for developing the CYPF Plan was the children's chapter of Nottinghamshire's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), which identifies the current and future health and wellbeing needs of the local population. Planning was also informed by data on the performance of the County Council's services, and of partner organisations, as well as inspection findings.
5. The CYPF Plan identified five priorities for the period 2014-2016, which are listed in **Table 1** below. The same five priorities are also found in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

**Table 1 the Children, Young People and Families Plan Priorities for 2014-16**

<b>Priorities</b>
<b>1. Work together to keep children and young people safe</b>
<b>2. Improve children and young people's health outcomes through the integrated commissioning of services</b>
<b>3. Close the gaps in educational achievement</b>
<b>4. Provide children and young people with the early help support that they need</b>
<b>5. Deliver integrated services for children and young people with complex needs or disabilities</b>

6. All the priorities were aimed at reducing inequalities in health and wellbeing across the County. They cover work areas where identifiable improvements can be made and where the coordinated action by partner organisations can deliver these improvements.
7. The Children's Trust developed an annual delivery plan which provided more detailed information about the work which was proposed in the CYPF Plan. **Appendices A and B** provide a review of the annual delivery plan for 2015-2016, including the key performance indicators.

### **Work together to keep children and young people safe**

8. All children and young people need to be safe and feel safe so that they can achieve their full potential. Most children and young people are supported and cared for by their parents or carers but some parents or carers are unable to do this for a number of reasons. In these situations, the involvement of all the relevant partners who could keep children and young people safe is vitally important.
9. In June 2015, Ofsted inspected the services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers in Nottinghamshire, together with a review of the effectiveness of the Nottinghamshire Local Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB).
10. Ofsted judged children's services in Nottinghamshire to be good. The Inspection Report noted that *'good leadership means that children and young people are identified and managed through timely decisions and the help provided to reduce the risk of, or actual harm to them'*.
11. The Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB) was also judged to be good. The inspection report noted that the Board's arrangements to evaluate the effectiveness of what is done to safeguard and promote the welfare of children are good.
12. Nationally and locally the identification and protection of children and young people at risk of child sexual exploitation is a significant priority. In Nottinghamshire a cross authority multi-agency group leads on this on behalf of the NSCB, the County Council, Nottingham City and the Police. The Health and Wellbeing Board in February 2016 received a report providing an overview of the partnership work currently in place with regards to child sexual exploitation.
13. The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub received nearly 20,000 safeguarding enquiries last year. This is an increasing number of enquiries, though the numbers of Looked After Children (around 850) and the numbers of children with Child Protection Plans (700-800) remain stable.
14. The multi-agency Looked After Children and Care Leavers Strategy was agreed in July 2015. The Strategy aims to improve outcomes for looked after children and care leavers across a range of service areas including social care, education and health. The Strategy's Annual Action Plan is reviewed quarterly and evaluated annually with input from children and young people.

## **Improve children and young people's health outcomes through the integrated commissioning of services**

15. Investing in children's health is an investment in the future. Children and young people who are healthy are able to enjoy life and achieve their full potential. They are more likely to go on to become healthy adults and parents who in turn promote better health in future generations.
16. The Health and Wellbeing Board over the last twelve months has identified the improvement of services for children and young people with emotional health and wellbeing needs as a priority for Nottinghamshire. The [Future in Mind Transformation Plan](#) outlines the areas for improvement over the next four years including a particular focus on the development of effective early help services. The Plan includes an additional annual investment of £1½ million to improve the effectiveness of services
17. The Future in Mind transformation plan was agreed in November 2015. This included a section on resilience, prevention and early intervention, which incorporates actions in relation to developing academic resilience in schools and commissioning online counselling.
18. To date CAMHS Tier 2 and 3 have been integrated into One CAMHS, supported by a single point of access. A number of posts that have been established are in the process of being recruited. Additional communication material about the new arrangements is in development and will be circulated shortly.
19. The CAMHS crisis team commenced operation in January 2016. The team is operating as a pilot and will be evaluated in the first half of 2016/17 to inform future commissioning intentions.
20. A new sexual health service has been commissioned from three providers, covering the whole of Nottinghamshire from 1 April 2016.
21. Teenage pregnancy rates across Nottinghamshire continue to fall overall, although there continue to be hot spots, where rates are falling more slowly. The latest figures place Nottinghamshire below the national average.
22. A new smoking cessation and prevention service has been commissioned from *Solutions for Health*. This is being mobilised currently, commencing 1 April 2016. The ASSIST programme, to prevent young people from starting to smoke is on track and schools have been recruited to participate.

## **Close the gaps in educational achievement**

23. Educational success provides pupils with a greater range of opportunities for employment, further or higher education. It enables them to participate more fully in society, maximising their life chances and securing their future economic wellbeing.
24. The educational gap at Key Stage 2 has narrowed for the fourth year running, though the gap at Key Stage 4 has increased.

25. A key aspect of the Closing the Gap Strategy is to encourage and enable greater partnership working. Following the successful 'Talking to Learn' Project in Gedling which was delivered jointly between schools and speech and language therapy, around forty primary schools across Nottinghamshire have bought additional support from the Speech and Language Service to support those students who would otherwise not meet the threshold for a health referral.
26. Multi-agency groups continue to drive the Strategy at a locality level. The 'Together for Newark' (TfN) group has now entered its fourth year and continues to attract significant interest at a local and national level. In July 2015, a group of Ofsted Inspectors visited schools and partners in the town to compile a good practice study on 'transition' and closing the gaps' strategies at locality level.
27. The focus of the TfN group during 2015-2016 was on early years' school readiness, improving mental health and well-being of vulnerable learners, and securing economic well-being for 16-25 year olds in the town. In March 2016, a highly successful Newark Education and Skills Summit was held bringing together stakeholders from the local authorities, learning providers and employers to consider the challenges and potential solutions to improving pupil outcomes and meeting the future skill needs of the local economy.
28. Other locality groups are established in Worksop, Mansfield (focused on the impact of loss and bereavement on disadvantaged learners), and Broxtowe (focused on learners with English as an Additional Language (EAL)).

### **Provide children and young people with the early help support that they need**

29. Providing access to support when children, young people and families need it is key to improving outcomes for children and young people. Earlier intervention also reduces the likelihood that families will need more costly specialist or statutory services, such as support from Children's Social Care.
30. Early Help may involve providing help early in a child's life. It may also be help that is provided early on as an issue emerges, whatever the age of a child or young person. Schools in Nottinghamshire play an important role in identifying and working with families who may need more support, referring them to other services if additional support is required.
31. To provide effective early help, these organisations need to work together and provide clear pathways of support. This includes early help services working in an integrated way with more specialist services.
32. In November 2015, the Family Service was established bringing together a range of existing services to support families across Nottinghamshire. This includes families where there are issues with attendance or behaviour at school. Persistent absences from school remains below the national average. Numbers Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) also continues to be low in Nottinghamshire.

33. All under-5s living in low-income areas have been registered with a children's centre for support and around 2,500 two-year-olds in low-income families have taken up their free childcare place, advice and pre-school learning since September 2014.
34. During 2015-2016 new arrangements for the supported accommodation for vulnerable teenagers were commissioned for implementation by December 2015. Early indications are that the revised arrangements are working well. The Homelessness Strategy for Young People will be revised during 2016-2017.

### **Deliver integrated services for children and young people with complex needs or disabilities**

35. A long-term ambition of the Children's Trust has been the integration of the services available for children and young people with complex needs or disabilities. The Improving Outcomes for Children and Young People with Disabilities Project led on the establishment of the integrated service which was implemented in April 2016.
36. The new service aims to improve the experiences of children, young people and their families, reduce duplication, share resources and identify efficiencies across Social Care, Education and Community Health Services.
37. The procurement for the Integrated Children and Young People's Community Health Services has been completed and a new service provided by Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust commenced from 1 April 2016 which brings together fifteen services including community nursing, occupational therapy, and speech and language therapy.
38. A review of the arrangements for special educational and disabilities (SEND) was established including a range of partners especially schools. The outcomes of the review will be used to inform future planning and service delivery for children and young people with SEND. The final outcomes of the review will be known by September 2016.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) The Children's Trust Board notes the contents of the report.

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### **Background Papers**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

[Children, Families and Young People's Plan 2014-2016](#)

**Appendices:**

**Appendix A - End of year review of the Children, Young People and Families Plan for 2015-2016**

**Appendix B: District level performance data**