

Agenda Item:

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Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee

Dorset County Council



Date of Meeting	23 May 2014
Officer	Director for Children Services
Subject of Report	Dorset Children’s Trust and Refreshed Children and Young People’s Plan (CYPP)
Executive Summary	This report provides an overview of the Trust activity during 2013/14 and details the overarching aims contained in the refreshed Children and Young People’s Plan (CYPP).
Impact Assessment:	<p>Equalities Impact Assessment:</p> <p>There is no equality assessment for this overarching plan but the partners’ plans that support the CYPP will have been subject to EQIA assessments where appropriate.</p>
	<p>Use of Evidence:</p> <p>This is a refreshed plan that builds on the evidence of need that has been identified through a variety of assessments. This has included the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment programme, Chi Mat Data, Health Profiles for Dorset and a range of consultation events with children and young people.</p>
	<p>Budget: There are no direct budget implications other than the aim to influence the resources across the children’s service system</p>
	<p>Risk Assessment:</p> <p>Having considered the risks associated with this decision using the</p>

	<p>County Council’s approved risk management methodology, the level of risk has been identified as:</p> <p>Current Risk: LOW Residual LOW <i>(i.e. reflecting the recommendations in this report and mitigating actions proposed)</i></p>
	<p>Other Implications:</p>
<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>The committee is asked to note the content of the report.</p>
<p>Reason for Recommendation</p>	<p>The report is for update and information only.</p>
<p>Appendices</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Background Papers</p>	<p>None</p>
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Dorset Children Trust and Children and Young People’s Plan.

1. Background

- 1.1 The duty in the Children Act 2004 on agencies and organisations to cooperate in matters affecting children and young people is fulfilled through Dorset Children’s Trust.
- 1.2 The Trust meets 4 times per year and has adopted a thematic approach to its structure linking to the priorities identified within the Children and Young People’s Plan with the following themes being debated and discussed at Trust meetings:
 - Universal services
 - Worklessness and Child Poverty
 - Vulnerable Children and Young People
 - Workforce Development
- 1.3 In each of these themed meetings areas relevant to the health and well being of children and young people are discussed and have included the following:-
 - Health Visitor Expansion Plan
 - Children Centres role in the delivery of early help
 - Healthy Child Programme
 - Health and Wellbeing of 16-19 year olds who find themselves homeless
 - Early help and early action, both in life and at the onset of a particular problem or issue.
- 1.4 In addition the Board has several sub groups who are responsible for the implementation of agreed commissioning and significant change programmes and assurance of the quality and performance of Children’s services. These are:
 - Commissioning Programme Board
 - Quality and Performance Board
 - Dorset Families Matter Board.
- 1.5 In addition the Dorset SEN Reform Board reports to the Trust its activity and plans to implement the far reaching reforms to services for children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) and other additional needs.
- 1.6 The Trust’s purpose and activity are summarised in the 5 pillars of the Trusts work and these are illustrated in the diagram below.

5 Pillars of Trust Work				
Information and Knowledge	Early action and help	Priorities that matter	New models to deliver services	Whole family working
<p>Knowing our communities well</p> <p>Knowing where and to whom our services must be directed</p> <p>Knowing through measurement the difference we are making to individuals, groups and the whole population.</p>	<p>Promoting the role of universal services in being preventative.</p> <p>Intervening at the right time, to the right groups, with the most appropriate approach.</p> <p>Promoting the use of assessment to meet needs with the least intervention first time.</p>	<p>A relentless focus on improving the lives and experiences of vulnerable groups.</p> <p>Maximising the evidence base</p> <p>Changing the way we do things so that we achieve more.</p>	<p>Work with communities, parents and carers to meet the needs of children and young people</p> <p>Work with all sectors to develop cost effective services that meet the needs of Dorset Citizens</p> <p>Approach complex issues through a whole systems approach making the most of integration, coordination and cooperation by service providers.</p>	<p>Support partners to develop whole family approaches to secure better outcomes for children and young people.</p> <p>Work together to secure investment in whole family approaches that improve family functioning and reduce costs</p> <p>Champion whole systems change to enable whole family change</p>
Participation and engagement as the foundation for all service delivery				

2. Children and Young Peoples Plan

2.1 The requirement to publish the Children and Young People’s Plan has been removed as has the statutory guidance determining how the Trust should function.

2.2 The members of Dorset Children’s Trust however believe children and young people deserve a well-constructed and meaningful plan. The plan supports partners in stating their joint commitments to children and young people.

2.3 A refreshed Children and Young People’s Plan 2014 - 2018 demonstrates the partnerships commitment to early help. Three of the key aims will help the partnership deliver against the early help offer. These are:

- The Trust will encourage and help partners in places such as early year’s settings, schools and health services to make prevention a key part of their activity.
- Together the Trust will commission and promote services that are proportionate to risk and are carefully targeted to those more disposed to poorer outcome.
- The Trust will work together to make the experiences of children and young people in and leaving care, those who are disabled and those with enduring needs a good one.
- The Trust will support the integration of services around families solving whole family issues.

2.4 The Trust acts as the sponsor for our works with the Early Intervention Foundation (EIF) and this will also inform our models of early help through 4 work streams. These work streams will support the wider ambitions of the Children and Young People’s Plan. These are:

- Improving Strategic Planning: Dorset Early Intervention Place (EIP) and the EIF will strengthen and develop long-term plans for Early Intervention in Dorset
- Measuring Investment and Outcomes: this will establish a clear picture of investment in Early Intervention in Dorset EIP and the outcomes that are being achieved through it
- Early Years Integration: this will design a local system to commission and deliver an enhanced integrated early intervention system for Dorset EIP from conception to age 5
- Social Finance: Dorset EIP undertake an appraisal of the local viability of social finance and where it proves promising will test approaches for social investment for early intervention and building social investment into future service planning where it has been evidenced that this is feasible

Through these processes we will develop a wide ranging early help offer that supports the current transformation around children services and ensures that the Children’s Trust ambitions are met.

2.5 In relation to health and wellbeing the Trust has been informed by the Dorset CCG that through the Pan Dorset Joint Commissioning Partnership for Children and Young

People (JCP CYP) which brings together the five commissioning bodies Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group, Dorset County Council, the Borough of Poole, Bournemouth Borough Council and Public Health at a senior level, the main current priorities are:

- Responding to the SEN/D Bill and national reforms
- Developing and implementing pathways for Autistic Spectrum Disorders/ Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ASD/ADHD)
- Refreshing the Child Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) strategy
- Strategic oversight of Continuing Health Care (CHC) and joint funding
- Improving participation.

2.6 The JCP CYP also provides strategic oversight and communication with Local Authority, NHS England and Public Health Dorset for:

- Health Visiting
- School Nursing
- Reproductive Health
- Substance Misuse
- Children in Care
- Early years/Early help.

2.7 The JCP CYP has an agreed, prioritised work plan which is delivered throughout the Joint Operational Group, which meets monthly, with supporting Task and Finish groups for different work areas as required.

3. Conclusion

3.1 The Trust is supporting the work of the Pan Dorset Joint Commissioning Partnership for Children and Young People. The health and wellbeing of children and young people features in the new Children and Young People’s Plan and will be monitored through the data dashboard that is being prepared to measure performance against the Trust’s success criteria.

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