

Joint Public Health Board 5 November 2020

Update on the Children and Young People's Public Health Service (Year 1 implementation)

For Recommendation to Council

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Recommendations:

- To note the progress and achievements in year 1 implementation of the Children and Young People's Service.
- To note the challenges and restrictions to elements of the service during the COVID-19 pandemic and lessons learned to inform recovery planning

Reason for Recommendation:

To update on progress and delivery during the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. Summary

This paper provides a summary of year one progress, achievements and notes the local challenges faced by the Children and Young People's Public Health Service (CYPPHS) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Financial Implications

None

3. Climate implications

No direct implications.

4. Other Implications

N/A

5. Risk Assessment

Having considered the risks associated with this decision, the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: LOW

Residual Risk: LOW

6. Equalities Impact Assessment

An Equalities Impact Assessment is not considered necessary for this agreement.

7. Appendices

None

8. Background Papers

None

1. Update

- 1.1 The CYPPHS was tendered and successfully awarded to Dorset Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust with the contract starting on the 1st October 2019 for a period of 3+2+2 years.

2. October 2019 to March 2020 - Mobilisation

- 2.1 The initial five months of the contract focused on mobilising the service offer and developing plans against the new Payment by Results outcomes.
- 2.2 Good progress was made, and achievements include;
- Mandated checks for children aged 0–5 years, percentage provided above England and South West averages.
 - The roll out of training for Health visitors using CO monitors as part of Brief Interventions for smoking cessation
 - School Nurses working in partnership with the Head Teacher Alliance for PE and Sport and Primary Care Networks to promote physical activity for school aged children and young people.
 - Clinical pathways and SystmOne tools developed for Children and Young People’s Mental Health and Maternal / Parental Mental Health.
 - Promotional campaigns in schools, PCNs, acute paediatrics, LA teams, and community e.g. Dorset Parent Carer event supported by the development of digital media and resources hosted on the Dorset HealthCare website.

3. April 2020 - Prioritisation

- 3.1 In April 2020 guidance was issued on the prioritisation of community services and Public Health Dorset worked closely with Dorset HealthCare and senior officers from within both Dorset and BCP children’s partnerships to plan services together in line with recommendations within the guidance. Regular touchpoint meetings ensured services planned together across the continuum of need and local pathways with colleague in Midwifery, Early Help and Safeguarding.

https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/COVID-19-prioritisation-within-community-health-services-with-annex_19-march-2020/

- 3.2 Health visiting and school nursing teams scaled the use of digital (telephone or Attend Anywhere) contacts across all universal and targeted work. Whilst face to face contact was reduced for all but essential activity capacity was protected for safeguarding work, including Child Protection and the service reviewed all caseloads to prioritise vulnerable families. Whilst Nationally and regionally there were concerns about the redeployment of Public Health

Nursing staff, in Dorset and BCP council areas, only a small proportion of the workforce were redeployed, with many continuing to deliver public health outcomes.

- 3.3 Chat Health continued to provide free and confidential information and advice via a text service for young people aged 11 – 19 years on all health worries. Available Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm, including the school holidays it has been an essential part of the school aged health offer and significant contribution to emotional health and wellbeing for young people.
- 3.4 The National Childhood Measurement Programme (NCMP) stopped, however, data submitted indicated only 2 schools in BCP and 2 schools in Dorset, did not have measurements uploaded. All outstanding NCMP telephone follow up appointments generated before the programme continued. The programme is planned to recommence for 2020/21 in January 2021.

4. June 2020 – Restoration

- 4.1 In June the Restoration of Community Services guidance was released and again Public Health Dorset worked with Dorset Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and officers from the Children and young people's partnership to review the local offer;
 - All statutory and vulnerable family work continued as previously, including face to face intervention where indicated (vulnerability or clinical needs) and multi-agency work (early help, safeguarding and primary care)
 - Face to face new baby visits were reintroduced universally
 - 6-8 week contacts were reintroduced universally (virtual and face to face where indicated based on vulnerability)
 - A stratified provision of 1 year contact based on vulnerability or clinical need was reintroduced
 - 2 ½ year contacts to support school readiness were reintroduced and prioritised for catch up

5. October 2020 - Annual Conversation

- 5.1 The stakeholder engagement process which helped to develop the service specification and procurement process for this service, recognised the important role this service would play within the local children and young people's partnership arrangements and specifically its contribution to improving the outcomes for families, children and young people.

- 5.2 The specification outlined a number of ways in which the service would be expected to demonstrate outcomes and the annual conversation is intended to provide a regular partnership opportunity to review the evidence and develop continuous improvement plans, following the Signs of Safety principles:
- What are we worried about?
 - What is working well?
 - What needs to happen?
- 5.3 The Annual Conversation will be held virtually from 9.30am – 1pm on:
- Wednesday 11th November for Dorset Council
 - Wednesday 18th November for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council
- 5.4 The agenda for these meetings will include:
- An overview of the service (for year one – Oct 2019 to Sept 2020)
 - Evidence on Key Performance Indicators (annual)
 - An opportunity to review and discuss priority outcomes for CYP
 - An opportunity to review and discuss partnership working
 - An opportunity to present evidence-based case studies for priority outcomes
 - A partnership discussion on priorities and planned programmes of work for the second contract year (Oct 2020 – Sept 2021).

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