



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 28th NOVEMBER 2019

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

LEICESTERSHIRE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2018 – 2021: PROGRESS UPDATE

Purpose of the report

1. The purpose of this report is to present a progress update on the Children and Families Partnership Plan 2018-21.

Link to the local Health and Care System

2. The Children and Families Partnership plan is aligned to the Leicestershire County Council Strategic Plan and focuses on the added value of approaching strategic priorities across the partnership to ensure consistent communication and service delivery to children and families.

Recommendation

3. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the report.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

4. In November 2016 the Health and Wellbeing Board approved the terms of reference for a Children and Families Partnership to replace the Supporting Leicestershire Families Executive as a subgroup of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The expanded remit included oversight of how the priorities for children and families as set out in the draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, are delivered.
5. In May 2018 the Health and Wellbeing Board approved the Children and Families Partnership Plan for 2018 – 21 and requested that it received regular progress updates.

Background

6. The Children and Families Partnership Plan is a strategic document which sets out the shared vision for children, young people and their families and the priority outcomes that need to be improved. The Plan is not intended to be a detailed description of the individual work of each partner, but rather a summary of key areas of work that are best delivered together to have the biggest impact on the lives of children and young people.
7. The Partnership have adopted the five supporting outcomes of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy relating to children and young people as the priority areas for the Plan. The five priorities are:

- i. *Ensure the best start in life*– by developing an integrated early years pathway which ensures needs are assessed to enable appropriate interventions are offered and the development of a communication strategy to promote the 1001 critical days;
- ii. *Keep children safe and free from harm* – by developing and embedding an integrated model of services to prevent harm to children and young people and make children safe by raising awareness of universal safety messages;
- iii. *Support children and families to be resilient* - by developing an integrated approach to family resilience and self-sufficiency, provide joined up information and guidance to enable families to be self-sufficient and navigate services and support families to progress towards work;
- iv. *Ensure vulnerable families receive personalised, integrated care and support* – by providing integrated, outcome-based, high quality, cost-effective provision and developing a post-16 multi-agency delivery model;
- v. *Enable children to have good physical and mental health* - by developing a whole system approach based on 'Making obesity everyone's business' and developing a partnership approach to emotional and mental wellbeing;

Progress to date

8. Priority leads are working with partners and other key stakeholders to deliver the action plans agreed against each outcome. Key progress from May to November 2019 includes;

Priority 1 - Ensure the best start in life

- Launch of a “Graduated Approach” in September 2019 to assist children at risk of delay being identified early and referred to appropriate services for support. The approach includes an Advice Line, support visits from Area SENCOs, half-termly drop-ins for providers to talk through concerns with a range of professionals and an online toolkit for schools and preschools;
- Launch of a leaflet targeted at parents to promote awareness and understanding of 1001 Critical Days key messages. The leaflet will be available at all primary schools and will be distributed to expectant and new parents through key health contacts;
- Launch of a School Readiness online toolkit for early years professionals

Priority 2 - Keep children safe and free from harm

- The appointment of Detective Inspector Helen Schofield as Strategic Lead for Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR). Helen will act as co-ordinator across the partnership, working with operational leads across LLR to develop a joint strategy and delivery plan in response to CCE.

Priority 3 - Support children and families to be resilient

- Work with secondary schools and the Local Enterprise Partnership to promote take up of the Enterprise Adviser Programme to support the delivery of effective careers guidance. The majority of secondary schools and colleges are now working with an Adviser.

Priority 4 - Ensure vulnerable families receive personalised, integrated care and support

- Establishment of a Joint Solutions Panel to review joint funding arrangements.
- Remodelling of the LCC Inclusion Service and launch of a new Inclusion Pathway in September 2019. The Pathway includes early years, primary and secondary advice surgeries (Inclusion Forums) across the county
- Approval of a multi-agency Housing Protocol for 16 and 17 year olds at risk of homelessness in November 2019
- Recruitment of 9 care leaver apprentices to LCC as part of the offer to care leavers

Priority 5 - Enable children to have good physical and mental health

- Funding secured to commission development of a face to face & online Make Every Contact Count PLUS training module on maternal obesity
- Maternal Obesity Resources sub group is developing suitable resources for practitioners to use with service users to discuss healthy weight before/ during & post pregnancy
- The first year of the Active Travel to and from school 'Choose How You Move' programme has been successfully completed
- Roll-out of the Active Families project to all 7 county localities in Leicestershire following successful pilot phase in two districts. Initial data and qualitative feedback is positive. The operational and management groups are collating key learning from the programme to help shape future work.
- A multi-agency event around "First Steps to a Trauma Informed Approach to Address Adverse Childhood Experiences" held on 21 May 2019.
- Liaison with Better Start in Blackpool (a Lottery funded programme focused on promoting good early child development that uses a trauma informed approach to address ACEs) to learn the lessons from this programme.
- Discussions with the Violence Reduction Unit to identify how we can work in partnership and to explore funding opportunities especially in relation to workforce development.
- A strategic leader's workshop was held on 19 September 2019. The focus of the workshop was to begin the development of a shared vision and to agree how a trauma informed approach could be progressed across Leicestershire.

Youth Campaign Group

- A Youth Campaign Group (YGC) was developed in November 2018 to involve young people in developing and delivering the Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership Plan. Their focus is undertaking campaign activity aligned to key issues identified by county young people through the national Make Your Mark youth ballot.

- Knife crime was identified as the number one issue for 2018/19 and the YCG has been working with partners including Mike Kapur, the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Public Health to discuss knife crime and ideas for campaign activity.
- Members of the YCG have worked with Words Over Weapons (WOW), a Home Office-funded project aimed at raising awareness of knife crime. They have gone on to become WOW ambassadors and joined other young people to write poems about their personal experiences around knife crime. A showcase evening was held at the Y Theatre in Leicester to launch a video of the young people reading their poems.
- YGC is currently working with Leicester City Football Club's Community charity to produce a video and to run a slogan competition aimed at raising awareness of the impact of knife crime.

Communications

- As part of the Partnership communications plan an electronic newsletter has been introduced to improve cross-partnership and wider communication on progress against the partnership plan and to share other relevant information and updates, clearly and consistently. The first issue was released in September 2019.
- A partnership logo has been developed for use on partnership related resources and communications have been made available to be used by partners.

Future Developments

9. Work over the next six months will include:-
 - Development of a joint CCG/LCC neo-natal pathway to offer contact with Children and Family Wellbeing Service and referral to portage home-based teaching service if appropriate.
 - Pilot of a "2 to School" programme by LCC Children and Family Wellbeing Service and early years providers in Oadby which will include the delivery of workshops and interactive displays providing advice and information for parent/carers to support their child to be school ready
 - Review of the priority three action plan as it has been identified that actions under this priority have now been completed or have now moved into business as usual
 - Adoption of the Trauma Aware System Change (TASC) Model as a framework for the development of a trauma aware whole system approach for Leicestershire (detailed in a separate paper on the Health and Wellbeing Board's agenda);
 - Support from the Youth Campaign Group for the programme of activities that will be delivered as part of the "Knife Angel" residency at Leicester Cathedral during May 2020

Background papers

Report to the Health and Wellbeing Board – May 2018 - Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership Plan 2018/2021.

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1038&MIId=5298&Ver=4>

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Appendix

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Relevant Impact Assessments**Equality and Human Rights Implications**

10. The Partnership has an interest in ensuring that there are effective arrangements in place so that the services provided meet the identified needs of local people. An EHIRA assessment has been carried out in relation to the impacts of the Plan.

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