



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 16 SEPTEMBER 2014

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND CHILD HEALTH STRATEGY GROUP

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Health and Wellbeing Board of the development of a Child Health Strategy Group for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Background

2. Between 2003 and 2013, Leicestershire Together (LT) was the county's strategic partnership or "partnership of partnerships", responsible for the development and delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy. LT is currently being reviewed in the light of changed legislation and the introduction of other statutory boards, such as the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB).
3. During this time, the Children Act 2004 required top tier local authorities to develop a statutory Children's Trust. This existed in Leicestershire as the Children and Young People's Board until 2011 when it was re-scoped as the Children and Young People's Commissioning Board (CYPCB).
4. The statutory requirement for a Children's Trust was repealed by the coalition government in 2010 but, following review referred to above, it agreed to continue to meet as the Children and Young People's Commissioning Board and did so until October 2013 when the LT review began. The review has found duplication in activities and some confusion in accountability between the CYPCB and the other statutory bodies such as the HWBB, the Local Safeguarding Children's Board, and other such statutory bodies that have a tightly defined remit and a specific responsibility to ensure effective working across agencies.
5. Whilst most of the strategic oversight previously carried out by the CYPCB is now subsumed into the other statutory partnerships there remains a commitment from partners to continue to work together to achieve a whole view of service planning and provision for children,

young people and families and the process for this is currently being considered. A report about the future of LT will be presented to the County Council's Cabinet in October 2014.

6. At its meeting in December 2012 the CYPCB considered a paper regarding the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board arrangements and the support provided to it by the Integrated Commissioning Board (ICB). The report stated that: "in the light of the breadth of business managed through the ICB it has become evident from partnership discussions that it is timely to reconsider where some health commissioning for children is best placed." It was agreed that the CYPCB would act as a sister Board to the ICB, with specific responsibility at that stage for CAMHS, children with complex needs, children with high cost needs, transitions and young carers.
7. Because the CYPCB has been paused these matters have not had a governance route since October 2013.
8. There is also in existence and LLR Child Health Strategy Group that meets regularly with clear terms of reference regarding joint working. This group is well placed to take on responsibility for operationalising the BCT work streams for children and for maternity/neonatal services.

Resource Implications

9. The requirements of the Child Health Strategy Board will be met from existing resources.

Recommendation

10. It is suggested that Leicestershire children's integrated commissioning role previously overseen by the CYPCB is subsumed into the LLR Child Health Strategy and linked into the governance system for the HWBB. It is therefore recommended to the HWBB that the LLR Child Health Strategy Group be accountable to the HWBB. This paper will be shared with the HWBBs for Leicester City Council and Rutland County Council in the hope that they will similarly agree this governance arrangement.

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