# **Children Services Planning Framework October 2016**

# **Strategic Plans**

Our Vision: To ensure children in Worcestershire are happy, healthy and safe. We will do this by working with our partners, our communities and our families across the county. This is a golden thread priority through all our strategic plans.

| Worcestershire Future Fit 2013 - 2017<br>(Corporate Plan)  | Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016 -2021<br>Health and Wellbeing Board  | Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Board<br>Business Plan 2015 -2018   |  |  |  |
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| Strategic Priority 2: Children and Families  | Strategic Priority  | Strategic Priorities   |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>2.1 Continue to make improvements to safeguarding</li> <li>2.2 Address causes of problems rather than the symptoms by strengthening our services to families at an early stage</li> <li>Indictors/Measures</li> <li>The number of Families who can provide stable and loving homes for their children</li> <li>The quality of our help and protection services</li> <li>GSCE or equivalent attainment for the latest academic year with a focus on championing the needs of the most vulnerable</li> <li>A-Level or equivalent attainment for latest academic year</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>1: Improving mental health and well-being</li> <li>School readiness: all children achieving a good level of development at the end of reception as a % of all eligible children by free school meal status.</li> <li>Hospital admissions as a result of self-harm (10-24 years).</li> <li>Referrals to Child and adolescent mental health services.</li> <li>2. Increasing physical activity.</li> <li>% of children aged 4 - 5 classified as overweight or obese.</li> <li>% of children aged 10 - 11 classified as overweight or obese.</li> <li>Physical activity measures for children and young people</li> <li>3.Reducing the harm caused by alcohol</li> <li>Alcohol-specific hospital admission – under 18 year olds.</li> </ul> | <ol> <li>Robust core safeguarding practice, with a particular focus on domestic abuse, mental illhealth, substance abuse and all forms of exploitation         <ol> <li>Core Multi-agency child protection work</li> <li>Better provision for vulnerable children</li> <li>Healthy relationships/emotional resilience for CYP</li> </ol> </li> <li>Effective partnership working         <ol> <li>Integrated Family front door development</li> <li>Effectiveness of multi-agency early help</li> <li>Learning results in positive practice changes</li> </ol> </li> <li>Effective Board leadership         <ol> <li>Whole system leadership development</li> <li>Embed the board structure and monitor its effectiveness</li> </ol> </li> </ol> |  |  |  |

### Worcestershire Children and Community Services Improvement Priorities 2016 – 2017

Our Aim: To ensure children, young people and families have access to early help and that for every child we become involved with, we make their lives better.

#### **Priorities**

- Develop an efficient family front door
- Implement the back to basics safeguarding improvement plan
- Improved placements and care provision for children and young people
- Edge of care Strategy
- Develop the medium term financial strategy including value for money decision making for placements
- Implement effective workforce strategy
- Redesign and refocus services for children with disabilities
- Improve Educational Outcomes
- Redesign and implement the prevention and intervention offer for children and families and implement the emotional wellbeing offer
- Knowing ourselves and acting upon it (quality assurance)

Achieving our priorities through Back to basics Safeguarding Improvement Plan 2015 - 2017

- Getting the gateway into children's social care right.
- Securing good quality and timely child protection and care planning to ensure children achieve permanence in care arrangements that enable them to be happy healthy and safe.
- Building a confident and capable workforce Investing in you so we are the employer of choice
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# <u>Safeguarding Improvement Plans</u>

| Workforce<br>Strategy  | Ensuring the conditions for good practice | Performance<br>and Quality<br>Assurance                         | Service user<br>feedback<br>Compliments &<br>Complaints. | Family Front Doo<br>Thresholds and<br>Assessments   | or Improving the quality of intervention for child in need of support or protection                                   | Better<br>outcomes<br>for Children<br>in Care   | Voice of the child.  |  |
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| <ul> <li>Ensuring we have the Capacity; Capability and the Corporate environment for our workforce to undertake their role efficiently and effectively</li> <li>Ensuring social workers have up to date policy, procedures, tools for assessment and standards to achieve high quality practice.</li> <li>Ensuring we have effective QA and Audit process in place to keep be a continual learning environments.</li> <li>Ensuring we have a fit for purpose SQA service to support and challenge the LA on the quality of its care and child protection planning</li> <li>Ensure we have useful management information and performance data to inform our service developments and measure the quality of our services</li> </ul> |   |   |  | <ul> <li>Promoting information sharing and joint decision making on risk and needs to ensure children get the right service at the right time to promote their happiness, healthiness and safety</li> <li>Ensuring we have high quality plans with regular review to monitor outcomes for children. Making their lives better.</li> <li>Ensuring children with disabilities and additional needs have coordinated planning</li> </ul> |   |   |  |  |
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