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Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Update

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Priorities

Mental health & well-being

Yes

Being Active

Yes

Reducing harm from Alcohol

Yes

Other (specify below)

Outcomes for children and young people across
Worcestershire

Safeguarding

Impact on Safeguarding Children

Yes

If yes please give details

CYPP Ultimate Outcome 1 – Are Safe from Harm

Impact on Safeguarding Adults

No

If yes please give details

Item for Decision, Consideration or Information

Information and assurance

Recommendation

- 1. The Health and Well-being Board is asked to note for information the summary of the Review of Worcestershire's Children & Young People's Plan 2017-2021 Ultimate Outcomes and an update on consultation and actions to refresh the plan for 2021 onwards.**

Background

- 2. The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYP SP) has been established to develop and help implement Worcestershire's Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP), and further support and underpin the all age Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.**

3. The partnership is a sub-group of Worcestershire's Health and Wellbeing Board (see Appendix B) and has been tasked to bring together senior/strategic leaders from agencies and organisations to take a whole-system response to improving outcomes for children and young people. The Partnership has the required oversight of the Troubled Families Programme, SEND and Education Strategy and our approach to Prevention and Early Intervention including emotional well-being and mental health. The Partnership has been focusing on the 11 priorities outlined in the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP). Future priorities will be discussed as part of the consultation to refresh the plan. The Partnership will act to provide the local oversight and governance as the children and young people's workstream of the NHS Sustainability & Transformation Plan (STP). The intention is this workstream will also reflect the priorities for the NHS Long Term Plan going forward for children and young people.

4. The Partnership has met on six occasions since its first meeting on 19th October 2018 with regular attendance from children's system representatives including; Heart of Worcestershire College, West Mercia Police and the Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner, Worcestershire Health & Care Trust, District Councils, Voluntary & Community Sector, WCC and WCF officer. The CYPP is chaired by the CMR a councillor who chairs a local Children's Trust.

5. The following is a summary of the review of the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2017 – 2021 Ultimate Outcomes

CYPP Ultimate Outcome 1: Are safe from harm

6. By the end of 18/19 the number of children & young people with a repeat Child Protection plan had reduced to 16% which is below that of Statutory Neighbours (SN) and England averages. The positive trend continued in 19/20, falling to 14%. The stability of placements for children in care has been positively affected by the introduction of 'Consolidation Meetings'; the number of children experiencing three or more placements in a 12-month period is currently well below SN and England averages. Care proceedings are concluded within the 26 week time frame.

CYPP Ultimate Outcome 2: Reach their full potential

7. 98.8% of Early Years providers in Worcestershire are now judged good or outstanding (September 2019), which is above the national average of 96% and the take up of funded places for two-year-olds is currently 70%, compared to a national average of 68%. Similarly, there is a 99% take-up of funding for three-and-four-year-old children compared to a national average of 94%.

8. In 2019 at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage the percentage of children who reach a Good Level of Development (GLD) is just above the National figure, having demonstrated accelerated improvement over that achieved Nationally. The rate of improvement for those whose families claim free school meals was also slightly faster than that seen nationally, resulting in a figure above National average. However, despite a 3% increase, this remains 4% below the National figure. Outcomes for children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or Statement of Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) have improved at a faster rate than seen nationally, from below to above National averages.

9. For 2019 in Key Stage One, the proportion of pupils reaching the expected standard in each individual subject – reading (75%), writing (69%) and mathematics (76%) matched National figures. However, outcomes for disadvantaged children are below those of the group Nationally over time, with an 8% gap in reading and 12% gap in writing whilst attainment was nearly on a par in mathematics. The focus going forward continues to be ensuring disadvantaged boys' literacy is addressed.

10. For 2019 in Key Stage Two, 62.1% of children achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths, which represents an increase of 1.1% compared to 2018. Worcestershire remains below National (64.8%) but the gap has narrowed from 4.1% in 2017 to 2.7% in 2019. The rates of progress pupils are making between the ages of 7 and 11 are improving per subject but not quickly enough and compare poorly with those seen nationally in each subject area. In terms of outcomes for children with special educational needs (SEN), attainment has shown a decrease in literacy and a slight increase in numeracy. However, 2019 outcomes in reading are below national and significantly so in writing and mathematics. Attainment for EHCP / Statemented pupils has increased in writing and for all subjects, rising significantly in reading and mathematics. Most of these measures are now above the national rate for this group.

11. At Key Stage 4 The proportion of children achieving at a least pass grade 4 or above in English and Mathematics is notably above the National figure. Outcomes for disadvantaged students are well below those for this group Nationally. However, the Progress 8 measure compares favourably with that nationally for this group, suggesting that the group of students concerned made gains over time since Year 6. For students with special educational needs and those with an EHCP, average attainment 8 scores are below National average. Progress 8 scores for these groups are above and broadly in line with National average respectively.

12. Performance at A Level is below National average, despite an increase in the average point score entry for the 2019 cohort. Technical level performance in Sixth Forms averaged a low distinction and the average point score entry for compares well with that of all local authorities. The average point score entry for Applied General Studies was broadly similar to that seen Nationally.

13. In 2020, KS1 and KS2 SATs, phonics and multiplication tests were cancelled and KS4 and KS5 outcomes were based on Teacher Assessment. Performance tables are suspended for the 2019 to 2020 academic year and no school will be judged on data based on exams and assessments from 2020. Until the new data release is available, all those working with schools, including Ofsted and DfE regional teams, should refer to the 2019 data. In light of this situation Worcestershire County Council and WCF supported the decision along with Worcestershire Association of Secondary Head Teachers not to require schools to share their KS4 and KS5 outcomes with WCC or to publish their results.

CYPP Ultimate Outcome 3: Make a positive contribution in their communities

14. The Schools Health Education Unit (SHEU) have been commissioned to deliver a Health Related Behaviours Questionnaire which will allow for comparison against similar Local Authorities. There have been very positive responses from head teachers to participate in the school survey which will be delivered in March/April 2020. The survey data will contribute to the development of School Health Profiles.

15. The most recent published data on First Time Entrants (FTEs) to the justice system is for the period October 2018 to September 2019. More recent data has not been published by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) due to their Covid-19 contingency plans.

16. The number of Worcestershire young people receiving a formal justice system disposal in the year Oct 18 to Sep 19 was 113. This represents a reduction of 54% since the year Oct 14 to Sep 15 when there were 244 FTEs. The rate of FTEs per 100,000 youth population in Worcestershire for the period Oct 18 to Sep 19 was 217, which was similar to the rate for England at 216.

17. A revised joint decision making process for out of court disposals was implemented in Worcestershire at the end of 2019. This process widens the scope to offer informal disposals, where appropriate, for initial offending and involves key partner agencies, including social care, in the decision making process. This new process should have the effect of responding to young people's needs and risks appropriately in order to reduce the likelihood of further offending whilst also reducing the number of those young people receiving formal justice system disposals, and hence further reducing the number of FTEs.

CYPP Ultimate Outcome 4: Live happy, healthy and fun filled lives

18. Overall many health outcomes have improved but persistent inequalities appear to be widening. Smoking status at the time of delivery is 3% above the National figure for England and breastfeeding initiation is 8% below. However, hospital admissions in most categories are below the National figure and reflect an improving trend. Infant mortality rates are mostly similar to those Nationally and the child mortality rate has declined. Figures indicate a reduction in the MMR vaccination rate - the Health protection subgroup receives information on this, and an action plan is in place. The percentage of Looked After Children (LAC) who are up to date with childhood immunisations, generally, is lower than the National average. In Reception and Year 6, 20% and 33% of children respectively have excess weight. However, this is slightly below the National figure. The number of families, children and young people living in deprived localities has increased over the last five years. The income deprivation affecting children index has increased over the last 5 years.

19. Feedback from children, young people and parent/carers (to March 2020) reflects a high level of satisfaction with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) across the County, including praise for supportive & knowledgeable staff, views and worries being taken seriously and skills-based techniques to maintain progress. Positive qualitative themes have been identified as: 'being listened to', a 'multi-disciplinary' approach and 'support to the family as a whole'. Negative themes related to continuity and consistency between the Community Eating Disorder Service (CEDS) and CAMHS, and flexibility with appointment times.

20. A timetable to refresh the plan has been developed – supporting information
APPENDIX A. Partnership representatives have contributed feedback from their work with families to inform themes for engagement on the new plan. A collaborative approach is being taken alongside the refresh of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

Legal, Financial and HR Implications

21. The legal, financial and HR implications of delivery of outcomes rests with responsible commissioners and providers but will be reviewed as the plan develops.

Privacy Impact Assessment

21. N/A

Equality and Diversity Implications

THE COUNCIL MUST, DURING PLANNING, DECISION-MAKING AND IMPLEMENTATION, EXERCISE A PROPORTIONATE LEVEL OF DUE REGARD TO THE NEED TO:

- ELIMINATE UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND VICTIMISATION AND OTHER CONDUCT PROHIBITED BY THE EQUALITY ACT 2010
- ADVANCE EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY BETWEEN PEOPLE WHO SHARE A PROTECTED CHARACTERISTIC AND THOSE WHO DO NOT
- FOSTER GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN PEOPLE WHO SHARE A PROTECTED CHARACTERISTIC AND THOSE WHO DO NOT

23. The refresh of the CYP Plan will undergo screening for Equality & Diversity Implications.

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Supporting Information – Available online

- Appendix A – proposed timetable to refresh the Children and Young People's Plan 2021 onwards
- Appendix B CYP SP Governance Diagram

- Appendix C Terms of Reference
- Appendix D Children & Young People's Plan 2017 - 2021