

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE BOARD 20 JULY 2022

WORCESTERSHIRE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2022-2024

Summary

1. The Board is asked to consider and comment on the draft Worcestershire Children & Young People's Plan (the CYP Plan) 2022-2024 (attached at Appendix 1).
2. Key stakeholders have been invited to the meeting including representatives from Worcestershire County Council, Worcestershire Children First, Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System.

Background

3. The CYP Plan is a strategic document that provides a framework for all agencies and organisations working with children, young people and families to make the necessary impact to improve lives. It is overseen by the Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) Board which is a sub-group of the Health & Wellbeing Board (HWB).
4. The CYPSP brings together senior/strategic leaders to take a whole-system response to improving outcomes for children and young people and reports twice annually to the HWB on progress.
5. The CYP Plan supports the priorities of the all-age Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy (HWS) and links to the children's outcomes of the Integrated Care System (ICS). As part of developing the Policy framework, the 2022/24 CYPP was endorsed by the HWB at its meeting on 24 May 2022 and received positive feedback (the minutes of this meeting can be found at Appendix 2). The findings of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy consultation, which influences the CYP Plan, were further discussed and endorsed at a HWB development session in June 2022.
6. The CYP Plan proposals are being considered by Cabinet on 22 September 2022 and Council on 10 November 2022.

Stakeholder Engagement

7. Initial plans for face-to-face consultation on the new plan were revised due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, partner organisations and the public were able to contribute to the Plan through existing networks and online.
 8. Members of the CYPSP identified the priority needs of children and young people from their work with families. These were used to develop questions for use in a public survey which ran from 11 January 2021 to 31 March 2021. The survey was
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promoted through partnership links with internal and external organisations and social media communications. A short presentation pack with information about the plan and a link to the survey was developed and shared to support the process.

9. COVID-19 restrictions meant that the survey was carried out online and limitations in the scope of the survey were acknowledged. The majority of respondents to the survey agreed with the priority needs that the CYPSP had identified and felt that these were important to work on to help children and young people in Worcestershire. The top three themes from the survey matched those identified in the initial work to redevelop the Health & Wellbeing Strategy:

- Access to mental health services
- Help to build emotional wellbeing and resilience
- Tackling childhood poverty, especially food and fuel poverty

10. Information from the [Joint Strategic Needs Assessment \(JSNA\) 2021 – Health Impacts of COVID-19](#) (Appendix 3) was also considered and this highlighted that some children and young people’s mental health and wellbeing had been substantially impacted due to and during the COVID-19 pandemic.

11. The findings of the [Healthwatch Worcestershire COVID-19 Young People’s Emotional Wellbeing Report](#) (Appendix 4) were also taken into account.

Children & Young People’s Strategic Partnership – Partnership Development

12. During 2021, the governance of the CYPSP was reviewed, alongside a review of the HWB governance and subgroup structure, both of which were informed by the development of the Integrated Care System. Four subgroups were identified to have a direct relationship detailed in Appendix 5 - Governance Structure (attached):

- Early Help Partnership (EHP)
- Children & Young People’s Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health Partnership
- 0-25 SEND & All Age Disability Partnership Board
- Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership (WSCP)

13. Each subgroup will report to the CYPSP twice a year, on activity and progress towards the CYP Plan outcomes, including performance data and service user feedback.

14. The CYPSP sub-group Chairmen met to discuss and develop the outcomes and progress measures for the CYP Plan based on the priorities and other data identified in the draft Worcestershire Children & Young People’s Plan 2022-2024.

Purpose of the Meeting

15. The Board is asked to:

- Consider and comment on the draft Worcestershire Children & Young People’s Plan 2022-2024
 - determine whether any further information or scrutiny is required;
 - provide comments to the Cabinet for consideration at its meeting on 22 September 2022.
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Supporting Information

Appendix 1 - Draft Worcestershire Children & Young People's Plan 2022-2024

Appendix 2 – [Health & Wellbeing Board 24th May 2022](#)

Appendix 3 - [JSNA Annual Summary 2021- Health Impacts of COVID-19](#)

Appendix 4 - [Healthwatch Worcestershire COVID-19 Young People's Emotional Wellbeing Report](#)

Appendix 5 - CYPSP Governance Diagram

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.

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