

<b>Title</b>	Children and Young People Update
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**Purpose of this report:**

1. To provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with an update on the Children and Young People's 'Change for Children' Programme, including the Early Help Review and Ofsted Improvement journey. A verbal update from Cllr Warren Whyte and Carol Douch will be provided at the meeting.
2. To update the Board on the refreshed Children's Strategic Partnership Board and plans for the future work programme and priorities. Further information on the Children's Partnership Board is included in this report.

**Recommendation for the Health and Wellbeing Board:**

1. To note the report and accompanying updates from the Cabinet Lead for Children and Young People Warren Whyte and Carol Douch
2. To discuss the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board in oversight of the Children's Partnership Board priorities and ensuring strong links with the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Health and Wellbeing Board

**Background documents:**

Early Help Review Cabinet Paper 10 July 2017

<https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/documents/s98409/Report%20for%20Early%20Help%20Review.pdf>

Early Help review consultation (concludes 22 September) and information documents

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/care-for-children-and-families/improving-early-help-services-for-children-young-people-and-families/>

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/care-for-children-and-families/improving-early-help-services-for-children-young-people-and-families/questions-about-changes-to-early-help-services/>

## **1. Buckinghamshire Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board**

### **Overview**

The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board held its first meeting in August 2017. The Board is an important strand of the Buckinghamshire Children and Young People's Partnership arrangements and will have an important role in bringing together key senior partners in a decision making forum.

The Board is currently agreeing a revised Terms of Reference, covered in this document and is working with public health colleagues to plan how it will identify local priorities and issues linked to the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP), Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), Local Community Plans and Partners' Plans; to co-ordinate and monitor agreed actions and priority areas.

The partnership will be informed by a variety of sources including the three Local Children's Partnership Boards, the Youth Voice Steering Group, the County Council's Residents' and Children and Young People's Surveys and other mechanisms that involve the views of children, young people, parents and carers. The Local Partnership Boards will identify gaps in service provision and provide two-way communication with the Strategic Partnership Board.

### **Membership**

The membership includes County Council and District Colleagues, NHS, include Acute Services, Mental Health Services and Clinical Commissioning Groups and Community and Hospital Services Provider, Police, Community Voluntary and Faith Sector representative.

### **Governance and accountability**

The Board will report to the respective organisational corporate management teams, the Health and Wellbeing Board and have a dotted line to the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) and Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Adult Board (BSAB).

### **Functions**

The Strategic Partnership Board will work at a strategic level to:

- Identify local priorities based on need and linked to the Children and Young People Plan, the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
- Ensure that local representatives and their colleagues within their organisations are aware of and up-to-date with the CYP's Partnership's strategic direction.
- Give direction and specific actions to the Local Partnership boards and other task and finish groups
- Report on outcomes, achievements and issues to the Health and Wellbeing Board
- Monitor the delivery of outcomes for each priority identified.

- Identify, challenge and support areas that are not working well or that could be improved and develop community-focussed solutions using partnership support to tackle the issues. For example, where a provision is underperforming or missing; supporting voluntary, community and faith contributions, etc.
- Link closely with the Local Area Forums (LAFs) and Local Community Groups.
- Identify resource and funding opportunities
- Helping the Bucks Association of Secondary Heads, the Primary Executive Board and the Governors' Consultative Board to form their priorities.
- Promote community focussed solutions and the use of the Voluntary and Community Sector.
- Work together with the Clinical Commissioning Groups.

### **Agreeing the forward plan**

The Board is at the stage of coordinating a forward plan and a set of performance metrics to guide prioritisation.

The aim is that the Strategic Board will focus on some of the 'Give Every Child the Best Start in Life' Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority areas and the accompanying performance metrics which are due to be agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board in November 2017.

Initial discussions with partners at the first meeting suggested deep dives into the following areas:

Childhood Obesity  
Children's Mental Health  
Eating disorders  
Sexual Health  
Transitions and  
Disabilities  
Repeat referrals at Accident and Emergency.

Information from Public Health and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment flag the following indicators as areas for further analysis:

### **Where Buckinghamshire is worse compared to England average**

- Emergency Admissions in Children aged 0-4 years (per 1000)
- Chlamydia detection in young people 15-24 years (per 100,000)<sup>1</sup>
- Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in young people 15 - 24 years (per 10,000)

### **Where Buckinghamshire is similar to national average where we would expect to see better results:**

- Low birth weight of term babies

- School readiness: children with free school meal status achieving good level of development at the end of reception (%)
- Proportion of 5 year old children free from dental decay (%)
- Child mortality rate (1-17) (per 1000)
- Hospital admissions as a result of self-harm in children and young people aged 10-24 years (per 100,000)
- Children aged 0-15 years providing 20+ hours week of unpaid care (%)
- Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children 0 - 14 years (per 10,000)

It is the intention of the Strategic Board to select a number of priority areas for focus in the first year and report back to the Health and Wellbeing Board with recommendations for action on a regular basis.

The Board will also have a role in assessing Early Help to provide evidence on the impact of new service areas and how well Buckinghamshire is performing.

As well as reporting into the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Strategic Partnership Board will work closely with the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children and Safeguarding Adult Boards Board and the Safer and Stronger Bucks Partnership Board (SSBPB) to ensure aligned approaches on common themes of interest. Action is currently being taken on a number of complex issues with a cross over between boards, including; Child Sexual Exploitation, the Prevent Agenda, Female Genital Mutilation, Domestic Abuse, Modern Slavery and Gangs and Youth Violence. The Children's Strategic Partnership Board will be kept informed of progress and also support in highlighting any gaps and escalating these to the appropriate forums. As reporting systems evolve, the Strategic Partnership Board may make recommendations to the Health and Wellbeing Board to co-ordinate 'Task and Finish' groups to focus on specific areas linked to the delivery of the overarching Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.