



Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group



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CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES PLAN REFRESH

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1. Summary

- 1.1 In the summer/ autumn of 2013 and at a time of significant change, the Children's Trust reviewed the Children and Young People's Plan with partners and stakeholders to determine if the Plan was still considering the right outcomes for children in Shropshire.
- 1.2 The Children's Trust also felt that it needed to be more efficient in its approach to partnership working and to ensure that the right people were around the table. As such the group expanded the Terms of Reference to include the voluntary sector, schools, the YOS and probation. The Trust also decided it wanted focus on areas of work where a partnership approach would make the most impact and deliver the best outcomes for Shropshire's Children and Young People.
- 1.3 In September 2013, the Area forums (3 stakeholder events in the North, Central and South of the county) were asked to review the outcomes and priorities of the Children and Young People's Plan. The consensus was that the outcomes were appropriate, however the focus of the priorities and actions needed to shift. The Outcome Areas are:
 - Ensuring all children and young people are safe and well looked after in a supportive environment
 - Narrowing the achievement gap in education and in work
 - Ensuring the emotional wellbeing of children and young people by focussing on prevention and early intervention
 - Keeping more children healthy and reducing health inequalities
- 1.4 The Area Forums highlighted three key areas of development that would provide maximum benefit for children through a partnership approach. These are:
 - Family and hidden harm
 - Transition planning and arrangements
 - Emotional/ mental health and wellbeing
- 1.5 Feedback from engagement exercises conducted with children as part of the Health and Wellbeing Focus groups (along with information gathered from the Area Forums and MYPs) gave rise to consideration of a fourth area for development: Building Communities.

1.6 The Plan is still in draft form (with more details in the report below), however the Health and Wellbeing Board is being asked to consider and support the key areas of development for the Children, Young People and Families Plan as it a) delivers on the Mental Health component of the HWB Strategy, and b) the Plan focusses on reducing inequalities for our children in Shropshire and the Children’s Trust has a keen interest in significantly reducing child poverty.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board support the development of a refreshed Children Young People and Families Plan, noting that the Trust delivers the priority of Improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people, by focussing on prevention and early support for the Health and Wellbeing Board;

2.2 That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the strong links between the Board and the Children’s Trust with regard to health inequalities and reducing child poverty.

REPORT

3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

(NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)

Risks	Impact	Mitigation
Risks would be associated with not working in partnership to deliver on the CYP and Families Plan.	Services would not join up effectively and would be more costly.	Continue to work collaboratively in partnership.
Opportunity	Impact	Action
There are opportunities with the refresh of the Children, Young People and Families Plan to support joint working and to impact positively on equalities, communities, and families	Focussing on families as a whole and laying the foundation for supporting community resilience will	Continue to work collaboratively in partnership and support the refresh of the CYP and Families Plan

4. Financial Implications

There are currently no financial implications associated with this report.

5. Background

5.1 The Children’s Trust is a partnership group that works across organisations to ensure the implementation and provision of better and better joined up services and support for children and families. The key focus of the group is to add value to service delivery through partnership working; to enable more efficient service delivery, whilst keeping the protection and safety of children and their families at the heart of decision making.

5.2 At a time of significant change, services for children are looking at ways of working that support service delivery through integration and partnership. The refreshed plan sets out who needs to be involved and focusses on key priorities and actions for supporting the development of services for children and their families.

- 5.3 The Plan is for commissioners, services, and all stakeholders to understand current thinking, provide an opportunity to engage and an understanding of who to engage with.
- 5.4 The plan is specific and focussed on what the Children's Trust will do in partnership to add value to existing services and to explore new ways to achieve our outcomes and improve the lives of children and families in Shropshire.
- 5.5 The Children's Trust works alongside the SSCB and the Health and Wellbeing Board to improve the lives of children, families and people living in Shropshire. As such the Children's Trust delivers key components of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy including improving the mental health of children and young people and ensuring that children, young people and families are engaged with our processes.
- 5.6 The Shropshire Safeguarding Children's Board monitors the effectiveness of the safeguarding for children in Shropshire. While the Children's Trust must have oversight of the implementation of services for all children, it is important for the Trust to ensure it is working closely with the SSCB and that priorities support the work of both. The SSCB is focussing on Compromised Parenting; Children who go missing (including child sexual exploitation and trafficking); and Communication – more details can be found here. Recently a Memorandum of Understanding has been developed between the SSCB and the Children's Trust, which both groups have agreed and endorsed.

The Vision of the Children's Trust

- 5.7 The Children's Trust wants all children and young people to be happy, healthy, and safe and reach their full potential, supported by their families, friends and the wider community.

Outcome Areas

1. Ensuring all children and young people are safe and well looked after in a supportive environment
2. Narrowing the achievement gap in education and in work
3. Ensuring the emotional wellbeing of children and young people by focussing on prevention and early intervention
4. Keeping more children healthy and reducing health inequalities

Key Areas of Focus for the Children's Trust

- 5.8 The Children's Trust is keen to focus on specific areas where it can make a real difference as a partnership group. The following are key areas to focus development:

- Family and hidden harm
- Transition planning and arrangements
- Emotional/ mental health and wellbeing
- Building Communities

The Actions

- 5.9 Family and Hidden Harm – actions include developing support for children and their families who need additional support to avoid needing a high level of input and resource in the future (tier 2). This is an extension of Early Help and the development of single point of access for professionals and families to best understand and access the resources available; others include developing a corporate parenting charter; communicating changes and service redesign, Substance Misuse Protocol, and developing a Perpetrator’s Programme for domestic abuse.
- 5.10 Transition Planning and Arrangements – actions include ensuring the coproduction of the Special Educational Needs and Disability reform, ensuring availability of opportunities for NEETS, and ensuring the availability of support and opportunity for Care Leavers.
- 5.11 Emotional/ mental health and wellbeing – actions include implementing the redesigned CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service) and promotion of TAMHS (Targeted Mental Health Service), further support for families dealing with Autism and behavioural issues, ensuring the signposting and roll out of the Solihull programme to support parents.
- 5.12 Building Communities – actions include linking with the HWBB to support the reduction of health inequalities across Shropshire, work closely with the voluntary and community sector to build community resilience and develop local support mechanisms.

The Community and Voluntary Sector

- 5.13 The Children’s Trust is keen to continue to forge partnerships and relationships with the VCS to ensure that their knowledge and understanding about our population helps to mould service design; and to ensure that right people are delivering services at a local level.

6. Additional Information

n/a

7. Conclusions

As above.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)
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Appendices none