

SHROPSHIRE HEALTHY CHILD PROGRAMME PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Background

From 1 October 2015, the commissioning responsibilities for the “0- 5 Healthy Child Programme” will transfer to local authority Public Health Departments. This includes:

- health visiting services (delivery of the service vision, four stage model including universal, community and targeted services) and
- Family Nurse Partnership services (targeted service for teenage mothers).

The Child Health Information System (CHIS) and 6-8 week GP check will remain the responsibility of NHS England (to be reviewed 2020).

The Healthy Child Programme is available to all families and aims to:

- help parents develop a strong bond with children;
- encourage care that keeps children healthy and safe;
- protect children from serious diseases, through screening and immunisation;
- reduce childhood obesity by promoting healthy eating and physical activity;
- encourage mothers to breastfeed;
- identify problems in children’s health and development (for example learning difficulties) and safety (for example parental neglect), so that they can get help with their problems as early as possible;
- make sure children are prepared for school;
- identify and help children with problems that might affect their chances later in life.

Commissioning responsibilities for the “5-19” elements of the Healthy Child Programme, through school nursing, transferred to Public Health Departments on 1st April 2014.

In order to ensure an approach across Shropshire which is comprehensive, cost effective and also sensitive to local community needs, it is proposed that an overarching Partnership Board be set up. This Board would provide a link to regional networks; oversee the work of the ‘Pregnancy to 5’ and ‘5 to 19’ Working Groups; and ensure appropriate governance through The Children’s Trust and the Health & Wellbeing Board by providing timely updates against local priorities and national targets.

In the first instance, the Board would be tasked with developing a strategic approach to the commissioning of services encompassing health visiting, school nursing, nursery education and children’s centres.

Purpose

- To provide leadership for the Healthy Child Programme in Shropshire
- To develop a Shropshire “Healthy Child Programme” commissioning strategy.
- To oversee effective implementation of the Healthy Child Programme, encompassing pregnancy - 19 years.
- To maximise the delivery of the Healthy Child Programme through effective strategic partnership working, both within the local authority and other partners.
- To prioritise the plans and activities of the two Healthy Child Programme Working Groups’: “Pregnancy – 5 years” Working Group and “5 to 19 Working Group”.
- To ensure robust commissioning and monitoring processes are in place for the Healthy Child Programme.
- To oversee and ensure rigour in performance in relation to the Healthy Child Programme public health targets.
- To ensure effective delivery of the Healthy Child Programme within available resources.
- To ensure implementation of national and regional guidance/policy.
- To provide assurance and/or exception reports to The Children’s Trust and Health & Wellbeing Board in relation to performance against national targets.

Accountability and Responsibility

- The Chair of the Shropshire HCP Partnership Board to provide regular reports on the strategic development and achievement of targets of the Healthy Child Programme to the Children’s Trust and the Health & Wellbeing Board.
- Partnership Board members to align their organisation’s activities to the Healthy Child Programme priorities, as appropriate.
- Partnership Board members to attend and actively contribute to meetings and act as champions for the Healthy Child Programme within their agency/organisation.
- To work in partnership to meet the needs of the Healthy Child Programme, including sharing (non-identifiable) information and data, as appropriate.
- To identify and agree co-commissioning or joint funding opportunities as appropriate, including bid funding opportunities.
- To attend quarterly meetings or provide alternative representation.

Chairing arrangements

Chair: Lindsay MacHardy: Associate Director, Public Health, Children & Young People Team Lead

Vice Chair: to be agreed.

Frequency of Meetings

Meetings will be held once every quarter from January/February 2015.

Decision making

Decisions should be made on a consensual basis. Where consensus cannot be achieved, the matter will be referred to the Children's Trust and/or the Health & Wellbeing Board.

Support Arrangements

Public Health Administrator: to be identified.

Distribution of Minutes

Group Members

Children's Trust

Health & Wellbeing Board Executive Team

Health Portfolio Council Member

Children's Services, Transformation & Safeguarding Portfolio Council Member

Director of Public Health

Shropshire HCP Board (proposed) Membership:

NAME	ROLE	ORGANISATION
Lindsay MacHardy	Associate Director, Public Health, Children & Young People Team Lead	Shropshire Council
Fiona Ellis	Commissioner: Women and Children	Shropshire CCG
Karen Saunders		Public Health England
Andrea Westlake	Commissioner	NHS England
Elaine Griffiths	Voluntary Sector	Voluntary Sector
HV Manager	Nicki Ballard/Sara Ward	Shropshire Community Health Trust
Cathy Smith	Head of Midwifery	SaTH
Jane Randall-Smith	Chief Officer	Healthwatch
To be agreed	Children's Services	Shropshire Council
Stella Pugh	Early Help	Shropshire Council
Neville Ward	Early Years and Childcare	Shropshire Council
To be agreed	Children's Centre Co-ordinator	Shropshire Council
To be identified	FNP Supervisor	Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust
Jo France	School Nurse Co-ordinator	Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust
Tina Russell	Safeguarding	Shropshire Council
Audrey Ryan-Scott	Safeguarding	Shropshire Community NHS Trust
Mark Trenfield	Public Health Analyst	Shropshire Council
Anne Marie Speke	Healthy Child Programme Coordinator	Shropshire Council
Kay Smallbone	Programme Lead 5-19yrs	Shropshire Council