



Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date Monday 16 July 2012
Time PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING WILL START AT 10.30 am
Venue Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham

Business

Part A

Items during which the Press and Public are welcome to attend. Members of the Public can ask questions with the Chairman's agreement.

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 April 2012 (Pages 1 - 6)
2. Declarations of Interest, if any
3. Any items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties
4. Media Relations
Update on Press Coverage.
5. Communities of Learning (Pages 7 - 8)
 - a) Joint Report of Assistant Chief Executive and Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services;
 - b) Presentation by Jane le Sage, Educational Support Services Manager, CYPS, David Priestly, Head Teacher, Greenfield School, Newton Aycliffe and Mark Turner, Head Teacher, Gilesgate Primary School.
6. Places To Go, Things To Do Strategy and Strategy for Youth (Pages 9 - 10)
 - a) Joint Report of Assistant Chief Executive and Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services;
 - b) Presentation by Paul McGinnety, Commissioning Manager, CYPS.
7. Quarter 4 2011/2012 Performance Management Report - Report of Corporate Management Team presented by Planning Performance and Commissioning Manager (Pages 11 - 30)

8. Children, Young People and Families Plan 2012-2016 - Report of Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services presented by Planning, Performance and Commissioning Manager (Pages 31 - 78)
9. Refresh of the Committee's Work Programme 2012/2013 - Report of Assistant Chief Executive presented by Overview and Scrutiny Manager (Pages 79 - 86)
10. Verbal Update on Joint Working Group's Scrutiny Review of Excess Weight by Overview and Scrutiny Officer
11. County Durham Children and Families Trust Executive Board (Pages 87 - 96)
 - a) Minutes from meeting held 16 January 2012
 - b) Minutes from meeting held 12 March 2012
12. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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County Hall
Durham
6 July 2012

To: **The Members of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Councillor J Blakey (Chairman)
Councillor C Potts (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors J Armstrong, B Bainbridge, D Bowman, P Brookes, R Crooks, B Harrison, K Holroyd, G Huntington, S Iveson, J Lethbridge, J Maslin, E Paylor, S Robinson, J Shiell, M Simmons, P Stradling, J Wilkinson, B Wilson and S Zair

Faith Communities Representatives:
Mr M Davison and Mr G Moran

Parent Governor Representatives:
Mr N Hallam

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Mr C McCaughey

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DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of **Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee** held in Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham on **Friday 13 April 2012 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor J Blakey (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors C Potts, J Armstrong, J Lethbridge, E Paylor, S Robinson, J Shiell, M Simmons and P Stradling

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Bowman, P Brookes, K Holroyd, S Iveson, N Martin, J Wilkinson, B Wilson, S Zair and Mr C McCaughey

1 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 March 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer provided the Committee with the following updates to the Minutes:

- An officer from Children and Young People's Services had prepared a briefing note on progression of pupils with Special Educational Needs at Key Stages 2 and 3 and this would be emailed to Members.
- The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had been invited to attend a Communities of Learning Network meeting. An overview presentation on Communities of Learning would be made at the next meeting of the Committee in July.
- There had been no clarity from the Department of Education on the Government's intention to reduce the time limit on SEN statements from 26 to 20 weeks as set out in the Support and Aspiration Green Paper. However, it was anticipated that the Government would be publishing something soon that would describe the next steps.

Councillor Simmons referred to the issue raised at the last meeting of the Committee regarding educational psychologists to which no reply had been received. The Head of County Wide Services, Children and Young Peoples Services replied that she had asked the Educational Support Services Manager to respond to Councillor Simmons and undertook to chase this up. The Chairman asked that the response be reported back to the Committee.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

3 Items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties

There were no items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties.

4 Media Relations

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer showed examples of press articles relating to Children and Young People's Services. The articles related to:

- Analysis of Health Online – this article related to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which was Item No. 7 on the agenda. There was particular attention to the Instant Atlas interactive tool which allowed information to be looked at in greater detail at a local level.
- Pupils Olympics – this article referred to the Durham County School Games which were held at Freeman's Quay and Maiden Castle. Approximately 900 children took part in the event as part of the Council's Olympic Legacy programme.
- Riders' Miles of Smiles – this article related to a cycling club that had been set up at St Bede's Comprehensive School, Peterlee and Byron's Sixth Form College. The club was established with the intention of raising the profile of cycling in the area and to encourage people to get fit.
- Active Holidays Events – this article related to a number of events which were taking place during the Easter holidays for children with a disability.

5 Quarter 3 2011/12 Performance Management Report

The Committee considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive that presented progress against the Council's corporate basket of performance indicators and reported other significant performance issues for the third quarter of 2011/12 (for copy see file of Minutes).

Suzanne Carty, Planning, Performance and Commissioning Manager, Children and Young People's Services drew the Committee's attention to the following indicators:

- The results of the recent inspection of Safeguarding and Looked After Children had been published which confirmed judgements of 'Outstanding' for Safeguarding and 'Good' for Looked After Children with both showing outstanding capacity for improvement.
- Between October and December 2011 the number of hours of short breaks offered for disabled children had more than doubled, to 32,621 hours, with the range of short break provision also increasing.
- The percentage of children in need referrals that occurred within 12 months of previous referral had improved.
- The percentage of child protection cases which were reviewed within required timescales had improved from 97.2% to 98.3% for the period October to December 2011.

- The conception rate amongst girls aged 15-17 years had improved in performance to a 24.3% reduction from the 1998 baseline. The rolling quarterly average for Durham continued to display an improving trend showing a conception rate of 44.2 per 1,000 girls aged 15-17, which outperformed the north-east rate of 45 but still fell short of the England rate of 36
- There had been a slight increase in the percentage of children in 2010/11 reception year who were obese from 9.2% to 9.5%. However, Durham outperformed its statistical neighbours at 9.8%, but fell just short of the national benchmark of 9.4%. In County Durham, participation rates were higher than other areas across the country which meant that a lot more data was being captured which gave a more accurate picture of performance.
- Final pass rates for GCSE's and A-levels had been released and confirmed the continuous improvement in pass rates. However, the figures also confirmed the achievement gap between those eligible for free school meals and those not, and between male and female pupils.
- Risk management. The most significant risk to successfully delivering the objectives of this theme was 'Failure to meet escalating costs of external and high-cost placements effectively'. The implementation plan for the new contract to place children and young people with independent fostering providers was being monitored to ensure the risk was being effectively managed.

Councillor Stradling referred to the high-cost placements risk and suggested that this may need to be considered as part of the Committee's Work Programme.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

6 Quarter 3 2011/2012 Budget Outturn Forecast

The Committee considered a report of the Finance Manager, Children and Young People's Services that provided details of the Children and Young People's revenue and capital outturn forecast for 2011/12 based on information as at 31 December 2011, the third quarter of the financial year (for copy see file of Minutes).

Resolved:

That the report be noted

7 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Early Intervention and Partnership Services that provided an update on the publication of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) 2011 and the key messages contained within it and received a presentation from Suzanne Carty, Planning, Performance and Commissioning Manager, Children and Young People's Services.

The Planning, Performance and Commissioning Manager informed the Committee that the JSNA was a reference document that defined current and future health and wellbeing need. There was a statutory duty to produce a JSNA and from April 2013 both local

authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups would each have equal and explicit obligations to prepare a JSNA. This duty would be discharged through the Health and Wellbeing Board.

A refresh of the JSNA had been carried out for 2011, with 'deep dives' into mental health and health, social care and deprivation. Also, for 2011, the JSNA included an Instant Atlas facility which enabled specific indicators to be examined by locality.

The Planning, Performance and Commissioning Manager then outlined the key messages from the JSNA that related to the 'Altogether Better' theme for Children and Young People's Services, including levels of obesity, teenage conception rates, children's safeguarding activity, child protection issues, alcohol issues, educational attainment, child poverty and deprivation.

Councillor Armstrong, referring to areas of deprivation and need, asked whether this information was fed to AAP's, where Members spend could be targeted to tackle issues. The Planning, Performance and Commissioning Manager replied that the information was fed to various bodies, including Scrutiny, AAP's and Health and Wellbeing Boards, adding that there was a wide communications strategy for the JSNA. The Overview and Scrutiny Manager added that each AAP had its own geographical profile.

Councillor Lethbridge expressed frustration that AAP funding often was committed to and locked in to programmes and asked what was actively being done to address child poverty. The Planning, Performance and Commissioning Manager replied that many AAP's had committed funding to places to go and things to do for young people, adding that rather than tackle the symptoms of child poverty, there was a need for early impact and intervention to tackle what led young people to these symptoms.

The Overview and Scrutiny Manager suggested that a more co-ordinated agenda and strategy was needed for joined up and targeted action to address the issue of poverty. There was a lot of activity already taking place, however, this needed to more co-ordinated in its response to poverty.

Resolved:

That the report be noted

8 Work Programme Refresh

The Committee considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which provided details contained within the Council Plan 2012-16, relevant to the work of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This allowed the opportunity to refresh the Committee Work Programme to reflect the three objectives and subsequent outcomes identified within the Council Plan for Altogether Better for Children and Young People.

The Council Plan was the overarching high level plan for the County Council, which covered a four year period and was updated on an annual basis. Appendix 2 detailed the Altogether Better for Children and Young People section of the Plan for consideration.

During 2011/12, the Committee had undertaken budgetary and performance monitoring, in depth Scrutiny reviews, systematic 6 monthly reviews of progress against recommendations and overview presentations, which were outlined in the report. Areas for future consideration were also detailed.

Councillor Armstrong commented that the Committee needed to be minded that elections would be held in 2013 and therefore any areas identified for future work would need to be resolved by the end of January 2013.

Resolved:

- (i) that the information contained in Altogether Better for Children and Young People priority theme of the Council Plan 2012-2016 be noted
- (ii) that the work programme for 2012-2014 be refreshed by discussing and considering those actions identified in Appendix 2.
- (iii) that a further report detailing the Committee's work programme for 2012-2014 be brought to the meeting of the Committee to be held on 16 July 2012.

9 Excess Weight in Primary Aged Children

The Committee considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive that provided an outline for the proposed review of Excess Weight in Primary School Children (ages 6-11 years).

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer informed Members that following a presentation to the committee on Childhood Obesity at the January meeting it was agreed that further investigation of the topic was required.

Excess weight in children impacted on their current and future health and could cause conditions such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes which could lead to limiting and life threatening illnesses. It could also cause stigmatisation and low self esteem which can lead to bullying.

In 2004 obesity was identified by the UK Government as a policy priority and targets were set to halt the progressive rise in childhood obesity by 2010. County Durham and Darlington Primary Care Trust developed a cross organisational childhood obesity strategy in 2004 to promote healthy weight for children and families. The strategy was now in need of updating and refresh to take account of recent legislation, changes in programmes, statistics and structure of organisations involved.

The focus of the review would be the effect of excess weight in primary aged children, with the following four key lines of enquiry:

- Review of the current obesity strategy to ensure it reflected current childhood excess weight programmes, changes in national policy, a multi-agency approach and consideration of social determinants;
- Social marketing of health promotions such as Change4life and behaviour change and the impact of their implementations

- Investigation of gaps in local data – was the data good or bad, and was it used to its maximum potential?
- The impact of commissioned programmes on excess weight in children

The topic had a cross-cutting theme with the Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and it was suggested that the membership of the Working Group be taken from this Committee and Adults, Wellbeing and Health, with a maximum of four members from each Committee

Resolved:

That the recommendation contained in the report be approved.

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Communities of Learning

**Joint Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive,
and David Williams, Corporate Director of Children and Young
People's Services**

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to introduce to members a presentation on Communities of Learning.

Background

2. The Special Education Needs and Disability Strategy 2005-2010 states that fourteen Communities of Learning have been established across the county. Strategically led by the local authority, working in partnership with schools, Communities of Learning are a major part of "All Together Better". Each Community of Learning consists of schools from all phases, including nurseries, and is linked to one or more special schools.
3. The structure of the Communities of Learning reflects the local authority's commitment to partnership working with schools. Recent development within Communities of Learning has focused on establishing firm foundations for the partnerships and promoting new ways of working to support children with a range of special educational needs.
4. Durham County Council gave a commitment in 2005, that it would develop Communities of Learning by strengthening the partnership structures, piloting revised systems for service delivery, improving communications and engaging Local Planning Groups to promote integrated service.
5. The presentation will provide members with an overview of Communities of Learning.

Recommendations

6. Members of the Committee are asked to note the information contained in the presentation.

Background Papers – None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance - None

Staffing - None

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder – None

Human Rights – None

Consultation – None

Procurement - None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – None

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**Places to Go Things to Do
Strategy Update**

**Joint Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive,
and David Williams, Corporate Director of Children and Young
People's Services**

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to introduce to members a presentation and DVD on Places to go Things to do.

Background

2. The Places to go Things to do strategy was approved by Cabinet in December 2009. Although there is an abundance of activities there are barriers preventing children, young people and families from accessing activities. One of the barriers is marketing of places to go things to do.

Presentation

3. The presentation highlights what work has been done to help reduce barriers to accessing services and explain the two phased approach which has been adopted.
4. The presentation will provide members with an update on significant developments of the marketing of Places to go Things to do.

Recommendations

5. Members of the Committee are asked to note the information contained in the presentation.

Background Papers – None

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Legal Implications – None

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**Quarter 4 2011/12 Performance Management
Report**

**Report of Corporate Management Team
Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive
Simon Henig, Leader**

Purpose of the Report

1. To present progress against the council's corporate basket of performance indicators (PIs) and report other significant performance issues for the fourth quarter of 2011/12.

Background

2. This is the fourth quarterly corporate performance report of 2011/12 for the council highlighting performance for the period January 2012 to March 2012. The report contains information on key performance indicators, risks and Council Plan progress.
3. The report sets out an overview of performance and progress by Altogether priority theme. Key performance indicator progress is reported against two indicator types which comprise of:
 - a. Key target indicators – targets are set for indicators where improvements can be measured regularly and where improvement can be actively influenced by the council and its partners; and
 - b. Key tracker indicators – performance will be tracked but no targets are set for indicators which are long-term and/or which the council and its partners only partially influence.
4. A summary of key performance indicators is provided at Appendix 3. More detailed performance information and Altogether theme analyses are available on request from performance@durham.gov.uk.

Developments since Quarter 3

5. A new corporate basket of indicators for County Durham for 2012/13 and 4-year targets is available at Appendix 4. Extensive work has been undertaken by all services to develop the set of measures based around our six 'Altogether' priority themes. It will be used to measure the performance of both the council and the County Durham Partnership. Members have had input into this process through an Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) workshop held on 2 May 2012. The key outcomes from the OSMB workshop are provided at Appendix 5. The new basket of performance indicators together with targets will form the basis of the quarterly monitoring reports from quarter 1 2012/13.
6. Appendix 6 provides a 4-year trend overview of the 2011/12 corporate indicator set as requested by Corporate Issues Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Altogether Better for Children and Young People: Overview

| Performance indicators | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| | Red | Amber | Green | N/A |
| Direction of travel | 5 (28%) | 1 (6%) | 11 (61%) | 1 (6%) |
| Performance against target | 4 (22%) | 2 (11%) | 11 (61%) | 1 (6%) |

| Actions | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | Red | Green | White | Deleted actions |
| Performance against target | 0 (0%) | 6 (27%) | 16 (73%) | 0 (0%) |

Council Performance

7. Key achievements this quarter include:

- a. The percentage of children who became subject to a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time has improved. For the period April 2011 to March 2012, 74 out of 680 children (provisional data) became subject to a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time, which represents 10.9%. This is better than target (12%), 12 months earlier (13.1%) and the 2010/11 Statistical Neighbour average (14%).
- b. The rate of First Time Entrants (FTEs) to the criminal justice system per 100,000 population shows improvement with 2011/12 provisional data for quarter 4 indicating that there were 73 FTEs, which resulted in a total of 294 FTEs during 2011/12. This equates to a 2011/12 year end rate of 616 per 100,000 population, which is well within the target of 737 and better than 12 months earlier (662). This demonstrates the strength of the partnership approach in Durham.
- c. The percentage of young people participating in youth work achieved the target of 15%. This indicator measures the number of young people actively engaged in youth work as a percentage of the 13-19 age population, where 'participating' is defined as a young person who attends a youth project at least 6 times. The target was achieved due to strong performance in the South area (17.4%). The North West area (14.3%), almost achieved target but was affected by staffing and building issues, and the North East area (13.2%) did not achieve target.
- d. The number of young people receiving structured Tier 3 treatment for drugs and alcohol has shown a significant increase when comparing corresponding quarters. Latest data for the period April to December 2011 shows there were 254 young people in treatment compared with 177 at the end of quarter 3 2010/11. The increase in the numbers of young people in treatment can be attributed to a combination of factors, which include; better access and awareness of the 4Real service after re-branding, focussing on more targeted interventions for young people and 4Real seeking referrals from the Police, Children's Services and the County Durham Youth Offending Service.
- e. The number of short breaks that were delivered for disabled children in the quarter 4 period was 17,351 hours, which included new events with partners such as the University of Durham. This is fewer than 12 months previous (24,074 hours) but still took the full year total to 166,384 hours, which was an increase of 51,490 hours in comparison to the 2010/11 total and above the target of 110,000 hours for the year.
- f. In relation to Council Plan actions, a key initiative is to support schools in engaging with the healthy schools enhancement model and reducing obesity as a key priority by addressing healthy eating. Three support sessions have been held with 24 schools

addressing obesity/healthy eating as a priority for improving children and young people's health.

- g. An action within the CYPS service plan to improve the quality of core assessments and care planning by undertaking an evidence-based sample of core assessments and care plans to help demonstrate collaborative approaches with partner agencies has been completed and was positively reported in the recent Ofsted inspection. This is an area that will be closely monitored on an on-going basis.

8. The key performance improvement issues for this theme are:

- a. The percentage of children in need referrals in 2011/12 that occurred within 12 months of the previous referral is 27.5% (provisional data) equating to 853 out of 3,098. This shows a steady decline in the performance of this indicator since quarters 2 and 3 (20.8% and 23.4% respectively) and is not achieving target (25%). Performance has not been at this level since quarter 4 2009/10 (27.7%). A detailed analysis into the issues relating to re-referrals is being progressed to ascertain the specific factors that have led to the increase in the rate.
- b. The number of agencies and organisations that have achieved Investing in Children (IiC) Membership has declined. 23 services have been removed as at 31 March for the following reasons:
- 9 services have transferred to the One Point service and now fall under 1 membership
 - 6 services/projects have closed
 - 1 service merger
 - 1 change of company status
 - 6 certificates have expired

In light of these 23 organisations having their IiC membership removed, the year-end target of 330 has been missed by 31. Even if membership continued the target would have been missed by 8. However, 9 organisations gained membership in quarter 4. As a result of these 9 gaining membership, performance against 12 months previous (293) has improved by 6.

- c. There is an action in the CYPS service plan regarding safeguarding and aiming to make specific changes to structures to reduce bureaucracy and allow staff more time with service users in order to respond to the developing safeguarding policy agenda from Government. A significant amount of work has taken place in Durham as planned, but Government responses on post Munro developments (review of child protection) mean that it is difficult to complete the work as expected by this date.
9. A key tracker indicator for this priority theme (see Appendix 3, table 2) shows the rate of under-18 conceptions per 1,000 girls aged 15-17 years resident in the area, as a percentage change from the 1998 baseline rate, has improved. The 2010 year end data shows 384 conceptions, which is the lowest number of conceptions during any year for Durham since 1998 (when there were 499 conceptions). This equates to a conception rate of 43.2 per 1,000 girls aged 15-17, which represents a reduction of 20.6% from the 1998 baseline. Latest 2010 comparative data shows that Durham outperforms the North East rate of 44.3, but still falls short of the England rate of 35. Although progress has been made on reducing the under-18 conception rate, there is further work to be done.

10. Further performance issues:

- a. It was previously reported at quarter 3 2011/12 that the percentage point gap between pupils eligible for free school meals (FSM) achieving at least Level 4 in English and Maths at Key Stage 2 and pupils not known to be eligible for FSM achieving the same outcome had decreased to 20.9 percentage points and was better than target (21). However, an update from the Department for Education (DfE) has resulted in an amended figure of 23.2 percentage points, which now shows performance to be worse than target and the same as a year ago. Actions being taken to address the gap centre on aligning new funding arrangements (Pupil Premium) from Central Government. In 2011/12 one-to-one tuition funding has become Pupil Premium funding which is directly allocated to schools for pupils eligible for FSM. Pupil Premium leads within Educational Development Services are advising schools and their Education Development Partners (EDPs) about the use of this funding to target vulnerable groups in order that they meet expected levels. The Local Authority Pupil Premium Steering Group contains representation from primary, secondary and special schools. EDPs will be challenging schools on their use of the 2011/12 funding and their plans for the increased funding in 2012/13, as part of the agenda for the second EDP visit to primary schools.
 - b. The percentage of infants due for 6-8 week checks that are recorded as being totally or partially breastfed at quarter 4 2011/12 has decreased for the second successive quarter to 23.5% (26.6% in quarter 3 and 33% in quarter 2). Performance at quarter 4 is well below the target of 31.8%. Breastfeeding coverage (the percentage of infants for whom breastfeeding status is recorded) was 95.9% and achieved the target of 95.1%. Actions to improve performance include the identification of breastfeeding leads in each of the One Point Service Areas and the establishment of multi-disciplinary working groups in each area to focus on operational issues.
 - c. The inspection of Durham's Fostering Service took place on 2 March 2012. All local authority fostering services must have at least one inspection in each three-year inspection cycle. The overall quality rating given by Ofsted to the local authority fostering service was 'Outstanding' for all inspection categories.
11. The most significant risk to successfully delivering the objectives of this theme is '*Failure to meet escalating costs of external and high-cost placements effectively*'. The implementation plan for the new contract to place children and young people with independent fostering providers is monitored by management, to ensure that this risk is being effectively managed.

Recommendations

12. It is recommended the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive the report and consider any performance issues arising there from.

Appendix 1: Implications

Finance

Latest performance information is being used to inform corporate, service and financial planning.

Staffing

Performance against a number of relevant corporate health PIs has been included to monitor staffing levels and absence rates.

Risk

Reporting of significant risks and their interaction with performance is integrated into the quarterly monitoring report.

Equality and Diversity

Corporate health PIs and key actions relating to equality and diversity issues are monitored as part of the performance monitoring process.

Accommodation

Not applicable

Crime and Disorder

A number of PIs and key actions relating to crime and disorder are continually monitored in partnership with Durham Constabulary.

Human Rights

Not applicable

Consultation

Not applicable

Procurement

Not applicable

Disability

Corporate health PIs and key actions relating to accessibility issues and employees with a disability are monitored as part of the performance monitoring process.

Legal Implications

Not applicable

Appendix 2: Key to symbols used within the report

Where icons appear in this report, they have been applied to the most recently available information.

Direction of travel

Latest reported data has improved from comparable period

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Performance against target

Performance better than target

Latest reported data remains the same as comparable period

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Getting there - performance approaching target (within 2%)

Latest reported data has deteriorated from comparable period

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Performance >2% behind target

Actions

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Complete. (Action achieved by deadline/achieved ahead of deadline)

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Action on track to be achieved by the deadline

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Action not achieved by the deadline/unlikely to be achieved by the deadline

Benchmarking

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Performance better than other authorities based on latest benchmarking information available

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Performance in line with other authorities based on latest benchmarking information available

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Performance worse than other authorities based on latest benchmarking information available

Appendix 3: Summary of Key Performance Indicators
Table 1: Key Target Indicators

| Ref | Description | Latest data | Period covered | Period target | Current performance to target | Data 12 months earlier | Performance compared to 12 months earlier | National figure | *North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure | Period covered |
|--|---|-------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| Altogether Better for Children and Young People | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths (former NI 75) | 59.60% | 2010/11 Ac. Year | 56.90% | GREEN | 55.30% | GREEN | 58.30% | 56.3%** | 2010/11 ac year |
| | | | | | | | | GREEN | GREEN | |
| 12 | Percentage of pupils on Level 3 programs in maintained secondary schools achieving 2 ALevels at Grade A*-E | 97.60% | 2010/11 Ac. Year | 96.90% | GREEN | 96.90% | GREEN | 92.70% | 90.7%** | 2010/11 ac year |
| | | | | | | | | GREEN | GREEN | |
| 13 | Percentage point gap between pupils eligible for free schools meals (FSM) achieving at least Level 4 in English and Maths at Key Stage (KS) 2 and pupils ineligible for FSM achieving the same outcome (former NI 102i) | 23.2 | 2010/11 Ac. Year | 21.0 | RED | 23.2 | AMBER | 23.4 | 24.4%** | 2010/11 ac year |
| | | | | | | | | GREEN | GREEN | |

| Page 18 Ref | Description | Latest data | Period covered | Period target | Current performance to target | Data 12 months earlier | Performance compared to 12 months earlier | National figure | *North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure | Period covered |
|----------------|---|-------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|--|--------------------|
| 14 | Percentage point gap between pupils eligible for free schools meals (FSM) achieving 5 A*-C grades at GCSE (or equivalent), including English and Maths and pupils ineligible for FSM achieving the same outcome (former NI 102ii) | 32.8 | 2010/11 Ac. Year | 32 | RED | 33.2 | GREEN | 28 | 31** | 2009/10 ac year |
| | | | | | | | RED | RED | | |
| 15 | First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17 per 100,000 population (former NI 111) Also included in Altogether Safer | 616 | 2011/12 | 737 | GREEN | 662 | GREEN | 900 | 728** | 2010/11 |
| | | | | | | | | GREEN | GREEN | |
| 16 | Compliance for completions of Treatment Outcome Profile (TOP) for young people at treatment (i) start | 95.00% | Apr-Dec 2011 | 90.00% | GREEN | 96% | RED | | | |
| 17 | Compliance for completions of Treatment Outcome Profile (TOP) for young people at treatment (ii) review | 94.40% | Apr-Dec 2011 | 90.00% | GREEN | 75% | GREEN | | | |
| 18 | Compliance for completions of Treatment Outcome Profile (TOP) for young people at treatment (iii) exit | 94.40% | Apr-Dec 2011 | 90.00% | GREEN | 100% | RED | | | |

| Ref | Description | Latest data | Period covered | Period target | Current performance to target | Data 12 months earlier | Performance compared to 12 months earlier | National figure | *North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure | Period covered |
|-----|---|-------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|--|----------------|
| 19 | Number of schools and other settings with Durham Anti-Bullying Service / Childline / NSPCC Accreditation Status (formerly CYPP SS2.1) | 97 | As at 31/03/12 | 97 | GREEN | 85 | GREEN | | | |
| 20 | Percentage of Children in Need (CIN) referrals occurring within 12 months of previous referral | 27.50% | 2011/12 | 25% | RED | 24.70% | RED | | | |
| 21 | Children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time (former NI 65) | 10.90% | 2011/12 | 12% | GREEN | 13.10% | GREEN | 13.10% | 13.90%** | 2010/11 |
| 22 | Number of agencies and organisations achieving Investing in Children Membership (former CYPP MPC2) | 299 | As at 31/03/12 | 330 | RED | 293 | GREEN | | | |
| 23 | Percentage of young people participating in youth work | 15.2% | 2011/12 | 15% | GREEN | 16.50% | RED | | | |
| 24 | Looked after children cases which were reviewed within required timescales (former NI 66) | 96.00% | Jan - Mar 2012 | 97% | AMBER | 94.30% | GREEN | 90.50% | 94.1%** | 2009/10 |

| Page 20 Ref | Description | Latest data | Period covered | Period target | Current performance to target | Data 12 months earlier | Performance compared to 12 months earlier | National figure | *North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure | Period covered |
|----------------|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|--|----------------|
| 25 | Percentage of child protection cases which were reviewed within required timescales (former NI 67) | 98.70% | Jan - Mar 2012 | 100% | AMBER | 99.70% | RED | 96.10% GREEN | | 2010/11 |
| 26 | Children and young people's satisfaction ('always' and 'sometimes') with the help and support they receive at school | Primary - 96.3% Secondary - 85.6% | 2011/12 Ac. Yr. | New indicator | N/A | New indicator | N/A | | | |
| 27 | Number of young people receiving structured Tier 3 treatment for Drugs and Alcohol with 4Real | 254 | Apr-Dec 2011 | 195 | GREEN | 177 | GREEN | | | |
| 28 | Number of short breaks as per Aiming Higher for Disabled Children full service offer in relation to: b) number of hours (formerly CYPP SS1B) | 166,384 | 2011/12 | 110,000 | GREEN | 114,894 | GREEN | | | |

Table 2: Key Tracker Indicators

| Ref | Description | Latest data | Period covered | Previous period data | Performance compared to previous period | Data 12 months earlier | Performance compared to 12 months earlier | National figure | *North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure | Period covered |
|--|--|-------------|------------------|----------------------|---|------------------------|---|-----------------|--|------------------|
| Altogether Better for Children and Young People | | | | | | | | | | |
| 131 | Child Poverty (former NI116) Also included in Altogether Wealthier | 24.41% | Aug-11 | 23.86% | RED | 24.47% | AMBER | 20.50% | 25.8%* | Aug-11 |
| | | | | | | | | RED | GREEN | |
| 132 | Percentage of children in Reception with height and weight recorded who are obese (former NI 55i) | 9.50% | 2010/11 Ac. Year | 9.20% | RED | 9.20% | RED | 9.40% | 9.8%** | 2010/11 Ac. Year |
| | | | | | | | | RED | GREEN | |
| 133 | Percentage of children in year 6 with height and weight recorded who are obese (former NI 56i) | 21.60% | 2010/11 Ac. Year | 20.60% | RED | 20.60% | RED | 19.00% | 20%** | 2010/11 Ac. Year |
| | | | | | | | | RED | RED | |
| 134 | Under 18 conception rate – percentage change from 1998 baseline of 54.4 conceptions per 1,000 15-17 year old women (former NI 112) | -20.60% | Jan-Dec 2010 | -19.10% | GREEN | -19.10% | GREEN | -22.10% | -21.4%** | Oct 09 - Sept 10 |
| | | | | | | | | RED | RED | |
| 135 | Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders aged 10-17 (former NI 19) | 1.17 | Q3 2011/12 | 0.87 | N/A | N/A | N/A | | 1.06** | 2008/9 |
| | | | | | | | | | Not comparable | |

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|-----|---|-------|-----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|--|----------------|------|
| 136 | 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) (official Nov-Jan measure, former NI 117) Also included in Altogether healthier | 7.50% | Nov 11 - Jan 12 | 8.50% | Not comparable | 8.50% | Not comparable | | 7.4%** | 2010 |
| | | | | | | | | | Not comparable | |
| 137 | 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) (quarterly comparison) Also included in Altogether healthier | 8.20% | Jan-Mar 2012 | 7.60% | RED | 9 | Not comparable | | | |

Appendix 4: 2012/13 Proposed Corporate Basket

| Indicator Type | PI Ref | Performance Indicator Definition | Service Grouping | Frequency | Performance | | 2011/12 target | Proposed targets | | | | National comparison |
|--|--------|--|------------------|--|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | | 2010/11 | 2011/12 (YTD) | | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | |
| Altogether Better for Children and Young People | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Target | CYPS4 | Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths | CYPS | Annual (Q2: provisional; Q3: validated) | 55.3% (2009/10 Ac Yr) | 59.6% (2010/11 Ac Yr) | 56.9% (2010/11 Ac Yr) | 60.4% (2011/12 Ac Yr) | 61.0% (2012/13 Ac Yr) | 62.1% (2013/14 Ac Yr) | 64.0% (2014/15 Ac Yr) | 58.3% (2010/11 Ac Yr Provisional) |
| Target | CYPS28 | Looked after children achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at KS 4 (including English and Maths) | CYPS | Annual (Q2: provisional; Q3: validated) | 28.0% (2009/10 Ac Yr) | 13.6% (2010/11 Ac Yr) | 12.0% (2010/11 Ac Yr) | 21.0% (2011/12 Ac Yr) | 24.0% (2012/13 Ac Yr) | Not set | Not set | 13.2% (2010/11 Ac Yr) |
| Target | CYPS6 | Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers (KS2) | CYPS | Annual (Q2: provisional; Q3: validated) | 23.2 ppts (2009/10 Ac Yr) | 20.87 ppts (2010/11 Ac Yr) | 21.0 ppts (2010/11 Ac Yr) | 19.9 ppts (2011/12 Ac Yr) | 19.2 ppts (2012/13 Ac Yr) | 18.4 ppts (2013/14 Ac Yr) | 17.8 ppts (2014/15 Ac Yr) | 20 ppt (2010/11 Acc Yr) |
| Target | CYPS7 | Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers (KS4) | CYPS | Annual (Q2: provisional; Q3: validated) | 33.2 ppts (2009/10 Ac Yr) | 32.79 ppts (2010/11 Ac Yr) | 32.0 ppts (2010/11 Ac Yr) | 31.9 ppts (2011/12 Ac Yr) | 30.9 ppts (2012/13 Ac Yr) | 29.8 ppts (2013/14 Ac Yr) | 29.0 ppts (2014/15 Ac Yr) | 27.4 ppt (2010/11 Acc Yr) |
| Target | CYPS5 | Percentage of pupils on Level 3 programmes in community secondary schools achieving 2 A levels at Grade A*-E or equivalent | CYPS | Annual (Q2: provisional; Q3: validated) | 96.9% (2009/10 Ac Yr) | 97.6% (2010/11 Ac Yr) | 96.9% (2010/11 Ac Yr) | 97.9% (2011/12 Ac Yr) | 98.2% (2012/13 Ac Yr) | 98.5% (2013/14 Ac Yr) | 98.8% (2014/15 Ac Yr) | 92.7%* (2010/11 Ac Yr Provisional) |
| Tracker | CYPS10 | 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) | CYPS | Annual – official Quarterly comparisons also monitored | 8.5% (Nov 2010 – Jan 2011) *Old definition | Reported Q 4 | | 8% | 7.5% | 7% | 6.5% | |

| Indicator Type | PI Ref | Performance Indicator Definition | Service Grouping | Frequency | Performance | | 2011/12 target | Proposed targets | | | | National comparison |
|----------------|---------------|--|------------------|---------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| | | | | | 2010/11 | 2011/12 (YTD) | | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | |
| Tracker | CYPS1 | Percentage of children in Reception with height and weight recorded who are obese | CYPS | Annual | 9.2% (2009/10 Ac Yr) | 9.5% (2010/11 Ac Yr) | 9% (2010/11 Ac Yr) | 9.4% | 9.1% | 8.8% | 8.5% | 9.4% (2010/11 Ac Yr) |
| Tracker | CYPS2 | Percentage of children in Year 6 with height and weight recorded who are obese | CYPS | Annual | 20.6% (2009/10 Ac Yr) | 21.6% (2010/11 Ac Yr) | 20% (2010/11 Ac Yr) | 21.5% | 21.2% | 20.9% | 20.5% | 19.0% (2010/11 Ac Yr) |
| Tracker | CYPS3 | Under 18 conception rate per 1,000 girls aged 15-17 | CYPS | Quarterly | 44.0 (Jan-Dec 2009) | 41.2 (Jul-Sep 2010) | | | | | | 36.0 (rolling quarterly average to Sep 2010) |
| Tracker | CYPS30 | Under 16 conception rate per 1,000 girls aged 13-15 | CYPS | Annual | 9.4 (Jan-Dec 2009) | 10.8 (Jan-Dec 2010) | | | | | | 7.0 (Jan-Dec 2010) |
| Target | CYPS16 | Percentage of referrals occurring within 12 months of previous referral | CYPS | Quarterly | 24.7%* (old definition) | 23.4%* (Q3 – old definition) | 25.0% | Not set due to change in definition – will be set when baseline is available | | | | 26% (2010/11) |
| Tracker | CYPS31 | Percentage of children and young people who report that they drink alcohol | CYPS | | | | | | | | | |
| Satisfaction | CYPS32 | Parent/carer satisfaction with the help they received from Children & Young People's Service | CYPS | Annual | | | | 70% (TBC) | 70% (TBC) | 70% (TBC) | 70% (TBC) | |

Please note that where target information has been greyed out these are tracker indicators and no targets are required

Areas in bold highlight changes requested by members at OSMB workshop held 2 May 2012

Appendix 5: Outcome of OSMB workshop held 2 May 2012

























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| 4 | Under 18 conception rate' - in addition, also provide Under 16 conception rate | Data for conceptions for 13-15 year olds is currently available. An additional indicator has therefore been included in the 2012/13 corporate basket which measures under 16 conception rate |

Appendix 6: Trend Analysis 2011-12 Corporate basket of indicators




Target indicators

| PI ref | Description | Data 2008/09 | Data 2010/11 | Data 2010/11 | Data 2011/12 | Data relates to |
|--|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Altogether Better for Children and Young People | | | | | | |
| CYPS4 | Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths (former NI 75) | 44.56% | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | academic year |
| CYPS5 | Percentage of pupils on Level 3 programs in maintained secondary schools achieving 2 ALevels at Grade A*-E | 95% | ↑ | ↔ | ↑ | academic year |
| CYPS6 | Percentage point gap between pupils eligible for free schools meals (FSM) achieving at least Level 4 in English and Maths at Key Stage (KS2) and pupils ineligible for FSM achieving the same outcome (former NI 102i) | 22.6 | ↓ | ↑ | ↔ | academic year |
| CYPS7 | Percentage point gap between pupils eligible for free schools meals (FSM) achieving 5 A*-C grades at GCSE (or equivalent), including English and Maths and pupils ineligible for FSM achieving the same outcome (former NI 102ii) | 30.3 | ↓ | ↑ | ↑ | academic year |
| CYPS9 | First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17 (former NI 111) Also included in Altogether Safer | 1245.34 | ↑ | ↓ | ↑ | year end |
| CYPS12 | Compliance for completions of Treatment Outcome Profile (TOP) for young people at treatment (i) start | | | 96 | ↓ 95 | Q3 |
| CYPS13 | Compliance for completions of Treatment Outcome Profile (TOP) for young people at treatment (ii) review | | | 75 | ↑ 94.4 | Q3 |
| CYPS14 | Compliance for completions of Treatment Outcome Profile (TOP) for young people at treatment (iii) exit | | | 100 | ↓ 94.4 | Q3 |

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|---------|--|-------|---|---|---|----------|
| CYPS 15 | Number of schools and other settings with Durham Anti-Bullying Service / Childline / NSPCC Accreditation Status (formerly CYPP SS2.1) | 74 |  |  |  | year end |
| CYPS16 | Percentage of referrals occurring within 12 months of previous referral | 24.60 |  |  |  | year end |
| CYPS17 | Children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time (former NI 65) | 17.1 |  |  |  | year end |
| CYPS19 | Number of agencies and organisations achieving Investing in Children Membership (former CYPP MPC2) | 225 |  |  |  | year end |
| CYPS20 | Percentage of young people participating in youth work | 15 |  |  |  | year end |
| CYPS26 | Looked after children cases which were reviewed within required timescales (former NI 66) | 96.21 |  |  |  | year end |
| CYPS27 | Percentage of child protection cases which were reviewed within required timescales (former NI 67) | 99.07 |  |  |  | year end |
| CYPS24 | Children and young people's satisfaction with the help and support they receive at school | | | | | no data |
| CYPS21 | Number of young people in drug & alcohol treatment | | | 177 |  | 254 |
| CYPS23 | Number of short breaks as per Aiming Higher for Disabled Children full service offer in relation to: b) number of hours (formerly CYPP SS1B) | | 74,755 |  |  | 166,384 |

Tracker indicators

| PI ref | Description | Data 2008/09 | Data 2010/11 | Data 2010/11 | Data 2011/12 | Data relates to |
|--|---|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Altogether Better for Children and Young People | | | | | | |
| ACE016 | Child Poverty (former NI116) Also included in Altogether Wealthier | 21.99 | ↓ | ↓ | ↑ | Q2 |
| | | | 24.22 | 24.47 | 24.41 | |
| CYPS1 | Percentage of children in Reception with height and weight recorded who are obese (former NI 55i) | 9.6 | ↑ | ↑ | ↓ | year end |
| | | | 9.4 | 9.2 | 9.5 | |
| CYPS2 | Percentage of children in year 6 with height and weight recorded who are obese (former NI 56i) | 20.9 | ↑ | ↓ | ↓ | year end |
| | | | 20.3 | 20.6 | 21.6 | |
| CYPS3 | Under 18 conception rate – percentage change from 1998 baseline of 54.4 conceptions per 1,000 15-17 year old women (former NI 112) | -10.69 | ↑ | ↑ | | Q3 |
| | | | -19.1 | -20.6 | | |
| CYPS8 | Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders aged 10-17 (former NI 19) | 0.93 | ↓ | ↓ | ↑ | Q3 |
| | | | 1.35 | 1.42 | 1.17 | |
| CYPS10 | 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) (official Nov-Jan measure, former NI 117) Also included in Altogether Healthier | 10.8 | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | year end |
| | | | 9.9 | 8.5 | 7.5 | |
| CYPS11 | 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) (quarterly comparison) Also included in Altogether Healthier | Data provided for CYPS 10 (annual official measure) is more relevant for comparison purposes. | | | | |

| Key to symbols used | |
|---|---|
|  | Performance has improved from comparable period |
|  | Performance remains same as comparable period |
|  | Performance has deteriorated from comparable period |

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Children & Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee

16 July 2012



Children, Young People and Families Plan 2012-2016

Report of David Williams, Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the Children, Young People's and Families Plan (CYPFP) 2012-2016. Separate reports were presented to Cabinet on 30th May and Council on 13th June detailing the plan.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 In April 2012, revised statutory guidance issued by the Department of Education on the roles and responsibilities of the Director of Children's Services and the Lead Member for Children's Services stressed the importance of ensuring that Local Authorities (LA) continue to focus on the progression of, and improved outcomes for, children and young people. In order to support the improvement of outcomes, the LA acknowledges that we cannot do this alone and that it is imperative that a strategic partnership plan that articulates how this will be achieved in partnership remains in place. The new plan is pivotal in achieving this vision together with our partners. The new plan covers the four year period 2012-2016 and will be reviewed annually.
- 2.2 Following a review of the Children's Trust in County Durham, a number of changes have been proposed. In order to reflect the increased focus on the needs of the 'family', the Children's Trust has been renamed the *Children and Families Trust* and the Children and Young People's Plan the *Children, Young People and Families* plan.
- 2.3 The involvement and contribution of children, young people and families has been central throughout the development and shaping of this plan and a number of consultative events have taken place.

3.0 Current Position

- 3.1 A formal consultation period for the plan ended on 29 February 2012. 26 responses were received and considered from a variety of stakeholders including the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB). All responses have been considered and the vast majority have been reflected in the plan.

3.2 The comments received focused mainly around layout/formatting, performance measures, and additional information to strengthen particular points made within the plan (e.g. Elected Member involvement).

4.0 Strategy and Outcomes/Priorities

Following formal consultation and comments provided, the general direction of the plan and the outcomes/ priorities and strategy remain as follows:

4.1 Strategy

4.1.1 We will deliver success through a two-fold strategy. Firstly, we will focus on those areas that are root *causes* of poorer outcomes rather than focus on both the *causes AND effects* of poorer outcomes. Secondly, we will mobilise our resources to intervene early. The needs of vulnerable families will be identified at the earliest opportunity and they will receive the support that they need at a much earlier stage. We will do this through the delivery of our integrated service – One Point.

4.2 Outcomes and Priorities

| CYPFP Outcome | No. | CYPFP Priority |
|---|------|---|
| Children and young people realise and maximise their potential | i) | Children and young people are supported to achieve and attain to prepare them for adulthood |
| | ii) | A range of positive activities are available for children and young people |
| Children and young people are healthy and make positive choices | iii) | Negative risk taking behaviour is reduced |
| | iv) | Children and young people are more resilient |
| Children, young people and families needs are fully met | v) | Children are safeguarded and protected from harm |
| | vi) | Early Intervention and Prevention services improve outcomes for families |

5.0 Recommendations and Reasons

5.1 Children and Young People’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the Children, Young People and Families Plan.

Background papers

Children, Young People and Families Plan 2012-2016

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance - There no financial implications.

Staffing - There are no staffing implications.

Risk - The risk attached to this plan is linked to future spending reductions in public sector funding and the impact of such future reductions on delivering against the objectives and priorities within the plan over the next 4 years.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty - The CYPFP has engaged with and consulted with children, young people and families across all backgrounds, ages and equality strands. The CYPFP has ensured that the voice of all children and young people is heard, shared and reflected within the plan. There are no adverse implications for any equality group.

Accommodation - There are no accommodation implications.

Crime and Disorder – There are positive implications for crime and disorder as the plan is aligned with and contributes to the current priorities within the Youth Justice Plan.

Human Rights – Human rights have been considered in the production of this plan. Children and young people have been central to the development of this strategic plan and the plan has ensured that their voices are heard.

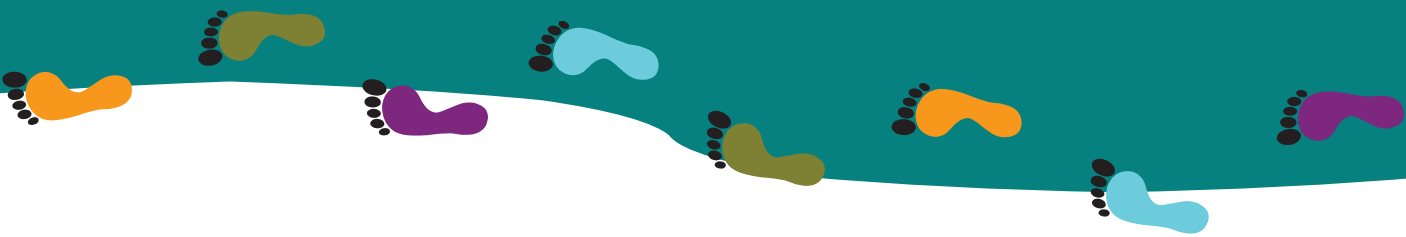
Consultation – Extensive consultation has been carried out in the development and approval of this plan. Partners, parents, families, children and young people have all been provided an opportunity to shape the direction and the content of this plan at each stage.

Procurement - There are no procurement implications.

Disability Issues – The views and needs of families of and children with disabilities have been considered and reflected in the plan and the needs of children with disabilities remains paramount to the work of the Children and Families Trust.

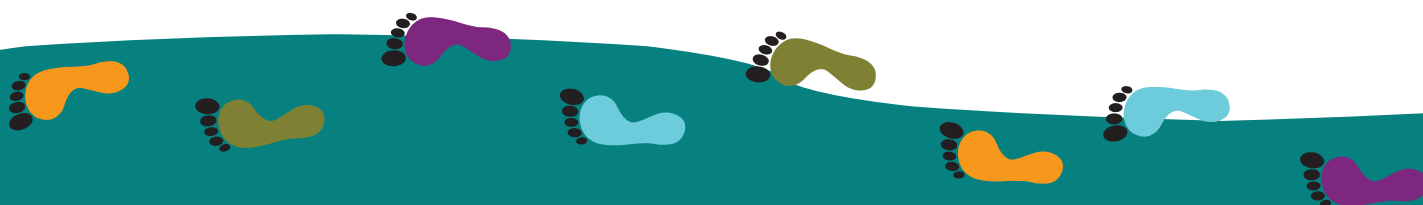
Legal Implications – there are no legal implications.

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Children, Young People and Families Plan 2012-2016 FINAL DRAFT

Taking steps in the right direction, so our children and young people can **'believe, achieve and succeed'**



Welcome to the Children, Young People and Families Plan 2012-2016



Picture drawn at our 'Picture This' event by the age 5 and under group.
by Anthony, Francis, Kai and Jaedan



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Foreword

Since 2006, the Children and Families Trust has been on a journey of learning and has improved many things which matter most to children, young people and families despite a significant reduction in public sector spending in recent years. The publication of our third plan provides an opportunity to look back on what we have accomplished since our last full plan in 2009.

In County Durham the Children and Families Trust has been at the forefront of leading the dramatic and significant change in how we provide front-line early intervention and preventative services with the launch of the One Point Service in September 2011. In January 2012, the Children and Families Trust was rated as 'outstanding' for the quality of the services that it delivers for safeguarding and good for the quality of services it delivers for looked after children.

Whilst our achievements are celebrated, we must look forward. This plan will set out our ambitions for the next four years. It takes account of key policy drivers and other legislative changes and provides details on the areas we need to focus on and what actions we intend to take as a partnership to improve the lives of children, young people and families. However, we must be realistic. The impact of the coalition government's reduction in public sector spending means that we cannot deliver as many things to the same extent as we did before. We need to work together in a different way; work harder and more efficiently; and use our limited resources more effectively in order to make this happen.

One of the key changes in response to this is to focus on a reduced number of priorities than in previous years that tackle the *root causes* of poorer outcomes and not the *effects*.

The Children and Families Trust has also experienced a transformation and a new structure is in place which reflects the changing nature and approach to our work. New locality working arrangements will continue to deliver improved outcomes at a local level whilst building on the achievements gained by the Local Children's Boards.

Children, young people and families have been central in shaping our new plan and we have worked together at every stage in the development of this plan and in identifying our 6 new priorities. We have listened to and taken children's views seriously to what could and should be done to make further improvements to their lives, whilst maintaining a realistic vision of what can be achieved.

We will continue to put the views of children, young people and families at the heart of our work and by doing so we are confident that our ambitions will be realised. We look forward to you joining us on our journey for the next 4 years.



David Williams
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Councillor Claire Vasey
Lead Member
Children and Young
People's Services

We have achieved many things since our last plan. These include the:

Positive results of Inspections

The announced inspection of safeguarding and services for Looked After Children (LAC) assesses how well the partnership is keeping children safe from harm and delivering better outcomes for looked after children. Overall Ofsted rated County Durham's Children's Services as 'outstanding'. They judged the overall effectiveness of our safeguarding services to be outstanding; our capacity to improve these services is also described as outstanding. The overall effectiveness of our services for looked after children is described as good; and our capacity to improve our looked after children's services is judged as outstanding.

A positive result of the unannounced inspection of contact, referral and assessment in March 2011 was achieved with no areas identified for priority action.

All Children's Homes are judged good or better.

The outcome of the last four fostering inspections and the last two adoption service inspections received an 'outstanding' grading.

Development of the One Point Service

In September 2011, we launched the One Point Service, bringing together over 750 members of staff across 10 teams under the single line management of the Local Authority. The Service will ensure that all community based universal and targeted services are focused upon delivery of prevention and early intervention services.



Raising of educational attainment

The percentage of pupils achieving 5 or more A*- C GCSE grades, including English and Maths increased from 55.3% (2010/2011) to 59.5% (2011/2012) and represents the 9th consecutive year of above national average improvement in GCSE outcomes.

13.6% of Looked After Children who were in care for at least one year achieved the equivalent of at least 5 A*-C GCSEs, including English and Mathematics, above our target of 12% (2011/12). 52.3% of LAC achieved 5 A*-C GCSEs – an improvement from 44% in the previous year (2010/11).

We have narrowed the achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at Key Stage 2 from 23.2% (2010/2011) to 20.9% (2011/2012).

We have narrowed the gap between Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) children and young people and the rest at Key Stage 2 from 32.8% in 2010/11 to 26.5% in 2011/12.

The Special Educational Needs/Non-Special Educational Needs gap at Key Stage 2 (English and Maths) has narrowed to 45.7% in 2011/12 compared with 49.6% in 2010/11.

Effective safeguarding of children & young people

The percentage of children in need referrals occurring within 12 months of previous referral has improved from 26.0% in Quarter 3 2010/11 to 23.4% in Quarter 3 2011/12.

The percentage of children ceasing to be the subject of a Child Protection Plan (who had been the subject of a Plan continuously for two years or longer) has improved from 3.7% in Quarter 3 2010/11 to 2.4% in Quarter 3 2011/12.

Creation and implementation of the Think Family Strategy

We have developed the 'Think Family' approach, strategy and action plan involving a range of partner agencies across County Durham. It recognises where families have multiple and complex needs and is delivering against those needs.

Development of the Family Pathfinder Service

The Family Pathfinder Service was established in 2009 as part of our preventative strategy. Three Family Pathfinder teams work across the County with the whole family to prevent children from entering the child protection system or requiring a more specialist high cost intervention. The national evaluation of the Family Pathfinder Service has shown a significant reduction in adverse outcomes for children and families with a significant reduction in risk factors on exit from the service including an 80% reduction in the risk of family violence. This service was also shortlisted for a Local Government Chronicle (LGC) award in the Children's Service Category.

Increasing Participation in Education, Employment and Training

In 2011, 91.7% of school leavers engaged in learning (this includes full time education, work based learning or employment with training including apprenticeships).

We have reduced the percentage of 16-18 year olds who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) during 2010/11. Performance for the official NEET figure (November-January) was 8.5%.

We have delivered a range of innovative learning and support opportunities, through a European Social Fund (ESF) Youth Participation Project designed to support the progression of young people. 1619 of our most disadvantaged young people completed a programme which facilitated their progression to further education, employment or training.

We have developed the 'Teenagers to Work Scheme' which aims to enhance care leavers' employability skills and give them 'real work' opportunities. In the summer of 2006, there were 10 work placements. In the summer 2011, 58 young people took part in the project.

Launch of the Full Circle and 4Real Service and improvement of emotional wellbeing

The Full Circle Service is a multi-professional children's mental health service launched in November 2009. It supports the emotional wellbeing and mental health of looked after children, children in need and adopted children, post trauma and abuse. Data shows that 88% of children had improved outcomes following intervention by the Full Circle Service.

The 4Real Service is a jointly commissioned multi-agency young person's substance misuse team offering targeted and specialist interventions.

4Real Alcohol Brief Intervention Workers, working with Durham Constabulary, ensure that all relevant young people who are stopped by the police are directed into the service. Programme completion rates were 81% as of October 2011.

We have undertaken the Targeted Mental Health in Schools (TaMHS) Pathfinder Project to support the development of innovative models of therapeutic and holistic emotional and mental health support for children and young people aged 5-13.

As at the 31st December 2011, 97 schools and other settings achieved Durham Anti-Bullying Accreditation Status. All local authority children's homes are either accredited or working towards it.

Reduced rate of teenage conceptions

The under 18 conception rate in Durham is falling, but more work is required. The latest available data from 2010 shows a conception rate of 43.2 per 1,000 girls aged 15-17, compared with a conception rate of 44.0 during 2009.

Improvement in services for disabled children and their families

We have delivered an unprecedented number of short break hours for families with disabled children, smashing the target set and leading to improved outcomes for families and savings for the local authority.

Since 2008/09 the short breaks strategy has reduced the cost for new external placements by £1.1 million. This work has received national recognition.

Reduction in homelessness

Safeguarding and Specialist Services (SaSS), housing providers and the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) have developed and implemented a homelessness protocol which has resulted in a significant reduction in the number of young people who become homeless or have inappropriate accommodation. Prior to the protocol, more than 335 young people presented as homeless (2006/07). This

reduced to 222 in 2010/11, of which 101 young people were returned home.

Increased participation of children, young people and families

We have developed a Participation Strategy which focuses on children, young people and families becoming involved and engaged in all aspects of the work of the Children and Families Trust. Examples of our success includes: 313 organisations having achieved Investing in Children membership and the development of a range of reference groups and forums such as the Making Changes Together Partnership.

Promotion of healthy eating

All primary schools in County Durham have achieved 'Healthy Schools' status. Further examples of work include the delivery of 196 'Cook 4 Life' courses involving 1,240 participants; 50 'Cooking Together' and 17 'Small Steps to Good Nutrition' courses delivered through Children's Centres and other community venues. In addition two 10-week programmes have been developed – 'The Time to Choose' and 'Junior One Life' programmes to help children, young people and parents / carers make healthy lifestyle choices.



Positive activity of young people

The percentage of young people participating in youth work has increased to 11.5% in Quarter 3 2011/12 exceeding the quarterly target of 10%.

From April 2009 to March 2011, all children and young people under 16 years of age could access free swimming lessons. Due to change in government policy and the financial climate, the free swimming has ended. Whilst it was running, the uptake in County Durham was significant.



Reduction in the number of children and young people entering the Youth Justice System

Durham Constabulary and County Durham Youth Offending Service have reduced the number of first time entrants to the Youth Justice System by 71.4% (2007/08 to 2010/11) using the unique Pre-Reprimand Disposal (PRD) programme. The PRD provides early assessment and specialist intervention to identify and address need at a young person's first contact with the Youth Justice System. The success of the PRD has been recognised by a series of national awards in 2010//11 including a royal visit from HRH The Princess Royal to County Durham Youth Offending Service (CDYOS) in September 2011.

The integrated pre-court system (implemented September 2010) builds upon the success of the PRD and ensures assessment and specialist intervention for all young people pre-court. This had a considerable impact on reducing first time entrants and reducing re-offending.

The number of young people reoffending in County Durham and the number of offences committed continue to fall. The reduction in frequency rate per 100 young people who re-offend after 6 months (January to March 2011) shows a 4.4% reduction compared to the same period in 2009 and 15.7% reduction against the same period in 2010.

There has been a particular impact on the number of girls who are first time entrants or who re-offend in comparison to boys. There has been a 79% reduction in female first time entrants and a 68% reduction in boys (2007/08 to 2010/11) over the same period. The rate of re-offending is considerably lower for girls than it is for boys. Early intervention (pre-court) plays a major role in supporting this performance.

Snapshot of County Durham



We have 2369 pupils in our schools with a statement of SEN

Providing specialist support services to children from ethnic minority communities including, the 183 Gypsy Roma Traveller (GRT) pupils in our schools

13 children's homes and 246 foster carers

Providing education across 284 schools (227 primary; 34 secondary; 10 special; 12 Local Authority maintained nurseries and 1 Pupil Referral Unit)

There are 71,906 children and young people aged 0-17 living in County Durham representing 14.2% of the total area

We provide foster placements and children's homes for 647 looked after children

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and protecting them from neglect and harm including 468 children and young people who are subject to a child protection plan

1.71% of children and young people speak a language other than English

N.B all data correct as of June 2012



Our Vision and Strategy 2012 - 2016



Within County Durham we have high aspirations and a clear shared vision for all of our children and young people. By making steps in the right direction, we want them **all** to 'believe, achieve and succeed'. We recognise that in order to achieve our vision, we must continue to work effectively as a partnership.

We must ensure that the sum of our parts is greater than the value of our parts alone.

The statutory requirement to produce a Children and Young People's Plan was revoked in 2010 by the new coalition government. The decision taken to remain as a Children and Families Trust and continue to work to a strategic plan for children, young people and families within County Durham is testament to our commitment to continuous progress.

We have achieved much since our last strategic plan 3 years ago, across the breadth of our work and in our performance. We operate effectively as a partnership which is evidenced through our Ofsted rating of '**Outstanding**' for the services we deliver to safeguard children. However, we also know that progress is not without its challenges. With unprecedented cuts and a change in political direction, we recognise that we must change the way that we deliver and work together in order to continue to progress. We also need to consider and respond to a number of key policy drivers, details of which can be seen in Figure 1 on page 11.

With reducing resources and a pressure to do more with less, we recognise that we must refocus our efforts and concentrate on a fewer number of the *right* priorities in order to reap results and maximise efficiency.

This Plan is deliberately focused on what we need to achieve at a strategic level over the next 4 years. Each priority will be supported by a 'Commissioning Plan' at the next level down which will set out what actions we will take over the same period of time.

Our strategy is two fold

Firstly, we will rationalise our focus to those areas that are root *causes* of poorer outcomes rather than focus on both the *causes* AND *effects* of poorer outcomes. By focusing on the cause this will naturally lead to improvements in the effects. For example, by focusing on raising aspirations, we believe we will have a positive impact on the effects of this, such as rates of teenage pregnancy or substance misuse. We also be conscious of the impact of the wider determinants of health and the work of the Marmot review in influencing and tackling health inequalities.

Secondly, we will mobilise our resources to intervene early. Early intervention is critical to reducing the demand for more specialist services. The needs of vulnerable families will be identified at the earliest opportunity and they will receive the support that they need at a much earlier stage. We will do this through the delivery of our integrated service – One Point. One Point has a clear vision. It will provide a pathway of care for children from birth to 19 and will work with a range of partners and providers to ensure that universal, targeted and specialist provision is delivered to meet need.

Guiding Principles

The delivery of our vision will be based upon guiding principles. These include:

- ✓ Engaging with children, young people and families as equal partners in the delivery of services.
- ✓ Using resources efficiently across all of our priorities. There will be a continued focus on value for money in everything that we do, to ensure maximum efficacy.
- ✓ Working in partnership to maximise our resources, ideas and deliver improved services and outcomes.
- ✓ Valuing equality and diversity and promoting opportunities for the most disadvantaged families.
- ✓ Overcoming obstacles and always striving for the best for our children and young people.

Figure 1: Children, young people and families – Key policy drivers

The key policy drivers outlined below have been pivotal in influencing our strategy and our work:

Health and Social Care Bill

This Bill proposes extensive reorganisation of the structure of the National Health Service, including abolishing NHS Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) and Strategic Health Authorities (SHAs) and creating Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), partly run by General Practitioners (GPs).

Education Act 2011

The Act is an important step in implementing the Government's education reform programme and helping to create an education system that delivers ever higher standards for all children.

Munro Review

Following the Munro review of child protection services, the Government, together with relevant agencies, professionals and local authorities, are committed to shifting the focus of the child protection system on to the things that matter most: the views and

Academies Act

The Act enables more schools in England to become academies, with greater freedom and flexibilities. The Government expects a significant number of academies to open as a result of the act and for the number to grow each year.

Localism Act 2011

The Localism Act plays a key role in the Government's ambitions to decentralise power away from Whitehall and back into the hands of local councils, communities and individuals to act on local priorities.

Marmot Review

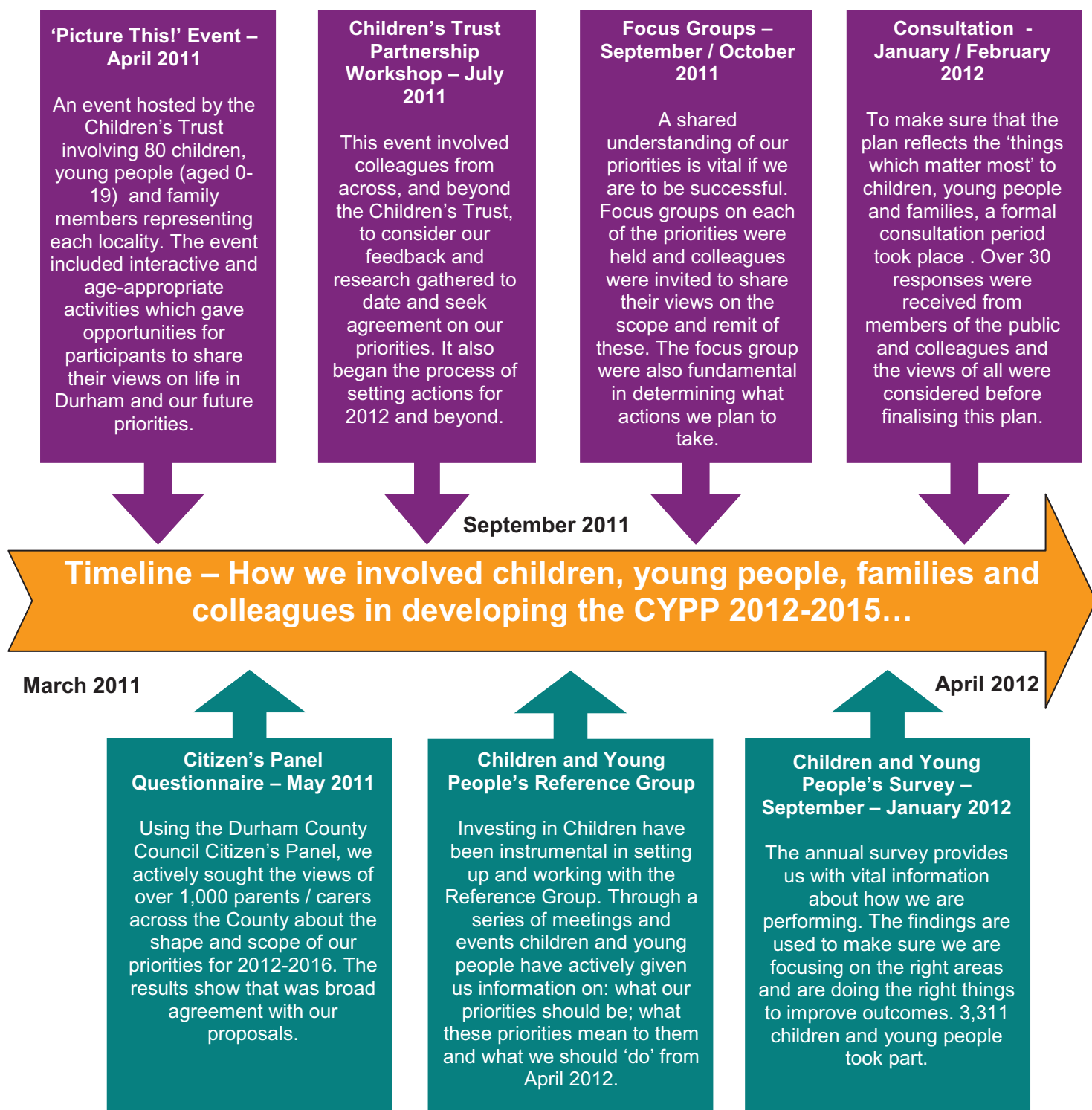
Following this Review, the 'Fair Society, Healthy Lives' report proposes a new way to reduce health inequalities in England. It proposes an evidence based strategy to address the social determinants of health, the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age and which can lead to health inequalities.

Identifying our priorities for 2012 - 2016

Our CYPFP draws on a vast range of evidence including the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), performance data, policy drivers, legislation and the ongoing engagement with children, young people, parents, carers and partner agencies (see Appendix 1).

Central to our approach is the participation and engagement of children, young people, families and partners. Figure 2 below shows this in more detail:

Figure 2: Participation and Engagement in the CYPFP 2012-2016

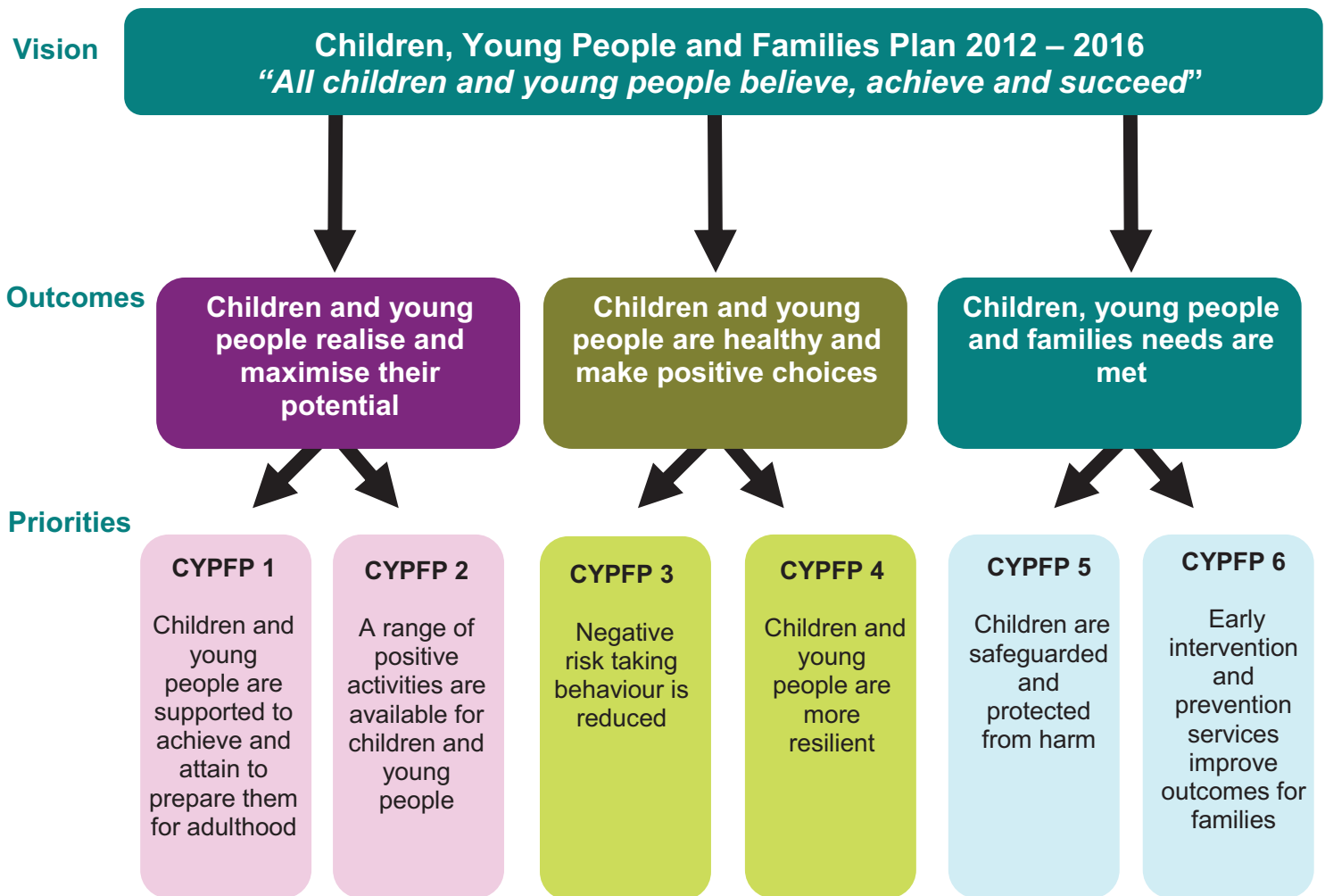


Overview of Outcomes & Priorities for 2012-2016

The outcomes that we want for our children and young people and the priorities we have selected to help us achieve these have been evidenced and developed to ensure maximum impact in a climate of budget reduction. We will focus on the 'root causes' (reason) rather than the 'effects' (result) of poorer outcomes.

We have identified 3 outcomes that we most want to achieve and 6 priorities to help us achieve these. These can be seen in Figure 3 below:

Figure 3: CYPFP 2012-2016 Outcomes and Priorities 2012 – 2016





OUTCOME 1 - Children and Young People realise and maximise their potential



‘This means that children and young people in County Durham.....

..... are supported and encouraged to be the best that they can be no matter what their dreams are. They will be able to thrive in the environment where they live and learn, to achieve their very best’.

We are committed to ensuring that all children and young people have the opportunity to be the best that they can be, including the most vulnerable. To achieve this we need good quality services which are efficient, effective and responsive to need.

We will focus on encouraging children and young people to achieve above and beyond academic qualifications, although we recognise that the achievement of these is vitally important for future outcomes and life choices. We believe supporting a child or young person requires the raising of aspirations, instilling a belief that they can achieve in many different areas of life and enabling them to actively engage in education, employment or training. This will create a platform for a more successful future.

“People need to help us find places to meet and things to do so we can make new friends”.

‘Picture This Event’ - Research with children and young people 2010/11

It’s not just about having places to go and things to do. It’s about the *quality, choice and accessibility of opportunities available to enrich* children and young peoples lives. We know that having a range of activities available can positively impact on a number of positive outcomes for children, such as maintaining a healthy weight, improving educational attainment, improving emotional wellbeing, reducing anti-social behaviour and improving self confidence. A wide variety of stakeholders play a vital role in this area, ranging from schools to uniformed organisations, from voluntary groups to Community Sport Networks.

To achieve this outcome we have identified the following two priorities as key to our success:

CYPFP Priority 1: Children and young people are supported to achieve and attain to prepare them for adulthood.

CYPFP Priority 2: A range of positive activities are available for children and young people.



Priority 1: Children and young people are supported to achieve and attain into adulthood



Our Key Actions for 2012-2016

| Action | Lead |
|---|--|
| Implementation of the Raising of the Participation Age Plan. | Improving Progression Partnership Lead |
| Deliver the Joint Disability Strategy. | Commissioning Manager, CYPS |
| Sustain and promote the attainment and achievement of Looked After Children. | Head of Countywide Services, CYPS |
| Invest in early years to ensure readiness for school. | All partners |
| Improve educational outcomes for children with special educational needs (SEN) and other vulnerable groups by delivering high quality services. | Head of Countywide Services, CYPS |
| Young people have access to impartial and independent careers guidance. | Improving Progression Partnership Lead |
| Young people have access to and benefit from high quality, comprehensive education and training opportunities, including Apprenticeships. | Improving Progression Partnership Lead |

How will we measure success?

| Measure | Target 2012/13 |
|---|---|
| Percentage of pupils gaining 5 or more A*-C grade GCSEs or equivalent at Key Stage 4 | Not set – tba |
| Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSEs or equivalent including English and Maths | 60.4% |
| Looked after children achieving 5 A*-C GCSE (or equivalent) at KS4 including English and Maths | 21.0% |
| Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers (Key Stage 2 and 4) | 19.9 (KS2) 31.9 (KS 4) |
| Percentage point gap between those known to have Special Educational Needs (SEN) and the rest, gaining Level 4 or above in English and Maths at Key Stage 2 | 44.9% |
| Percentage of 16-18 year olds who are not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) | 8.0% |
| Participation rates at 16 and 17 years old in education, employment or training | 93% (16 year olds) 90%(17 year olds) |
| Percentage of young people aged 16-19 with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities in education, employment or training | 69.0% |
| Percentage of young people looked after/in care in education, employment or training | 40.0% |
| Percentage of young people gaining a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19 | 50.1% |



Priority 2 - A range of positive activities are available for children and young people




Our Key Actions for 2012- 2016

| Action | Lead |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Develop and deliver the Places to Go and Things to do Commissioning Plan by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> tackling the issue of transport through a collective approach with partners; developing a universal market and communication strategy; and developing a change strategy in order to improve attitudes towards children and young people | Commissioning Manager, CYPS |

How will we measure success?

| Measure | Target 2012/13 |
|---|-------------------------|
| Children and young people's participation in out-of-school sport | Not set - baseline year |
| Percentage of young people who have taken part in an activity outside of school in the last 4 weeks | Not set - baseline year |





OUTCOME 2 – Children and young people are healthy and make positive choices

‘This means that children and young people in County Durham.....

..... look after themselves and others by making positive decisions and responsible choices about their behaviour. They will take positive risks as part of growing up with support from adults. They will be able to cope with what life throws at them and bounce back from tough times’.

Risk taking is a normal and healthy part of growing up, however, sometimes, risks are taken that are not positive and lead to negative results. Taking risks in a supportive environment is critical to the development of strong and emotionally resilient children and young people.

In County Durham, we know that negative risk taking behaviour can lead to higher teenage conceptions, higher alcohol and drugs use, youth crime and high obesity levels. This places young people at risk of physical or emotional harm and/or poorer outcomes. In order to tackle priorities around teenage pregnancy, youth crime, smoking, obesity and alcohol use, we will focus on a strategy that helps young people make responsible choices about their behaviour,

Children and young people who are resilient will be able to cope with difficult situations, make positive decisions and bounce back from tough times. Good emotional health and wellbeing in children and young people contributes significantly to them developing good resilience.

“If you want to be respected by others the great thing is to respect yourself. Only by that, only by self – respect will you compel others to respect you”.

Fedor Dostoevsky, Russian Novelist

Resilience is important because it is the capacity to face, overcome and be strengthened by or even transformed by the adversities of life.

Our work in this area is aligned to County Durham’s Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (due for completion in October 2012). This strategy will provide the cross-partnership foundations to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for children, young people and families, including supporting our work in reducing risk-taking behaviour and improving resilience amongst children and young people.

To achieve this outcome we have identified the following two priorities as key to our success:

CYPFP Priority 3: Negative risk taking behaviour is reduced.

CYPFP Priority 4: Children and young people are more resilient.



Priority 3: Negative risk taking behaviour is reduced



Our Key Actions for 2012-2016

| Action | Lead |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Implement Social Norms project in secondary schools in County Durham which considers risk taking behaviour (e.g. alcohol, teenage pregnancy, smoking). | Commissioning Manager, DCC |
| Work in partnership to reduce re-offending by young people by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sharing ASSET information to influence provision of universal and targeted services; • improving the quality of exit strategies to reduce re-offending; • implementing and improving CDYOS Offending Behaviour Programmes and evaluating effectiveness; and • increasing the use of restorative approaches. | County Durham Youth Offending Service |
| Reduce first time entrants to the youth justice system by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing further the integration between the pre and post cohort in CDYOS; • ensuring a case management approach considers all sibling in the family; • increasing access to Positive Futures programmes; and • working with the One Point Service. | County Durham Youth Offending Service |

How will we measure success?

| Measure | Target 2012/13 |
|---|--|
| Percentage of children in Reception with height and weight recorded who are obese | 9.4% |
| Percentage of children in Year 6 with height and weight recorded who are obese | 21.5% |
| Under 18 conception rate (Percentage change from 1998 baseline of 54.4 conceptions per 1,000 15-17 year old women) | Not set – targets will be set in line with national strategy by September 2012 |
| First time entrants (FTEs) to the Youth Justice System aged 10 - 17 (per 100,000 population of 10-17 year olds) | 712 (340 FTEs) |
| Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders | Not set – due to changes in the way re-offending is calculated |

Priority 4: Children and young people are more resilient

Our Key Actions for 2012-2016

| Action | Lead |
|---|---|
| Develop and deliver an Emotional Wellbeing strategy and commissioning plan. | PCT Commissioning Manager |
| Develop and deliver a Resilience commissioning strategy and plan that considers all risk taking behaviour e.g. sexual health/ teenage pregnancy, smoking, alcohol and substance misuse and obesity. | Commissioning Managers, DCC & NHS County Durham |

How will we measure success?

| Measure | Target 2012/13 |
|--|-------------------|
| Emotional and behavioural health of looked after children | 15.5% |
| Percentage of children and young people who report that they make friends easily (Year 6 and Year 9) | 5% point increase |
| Percentage of children and young people who report that they are happy (Year 6 and Year 9) | 2% increase |
| Percentage of children and young people who report that they feel awkward and out of place (Year 6 and Year 9) | 5% point increase |





OUTCOME 3 - Children, young people and families' needs are met



'This means that children and young people in County Durham.....

.....are kept safe from harm and vulnerable families receive the support that they need at the earliest opportunity. Children will be protected from neglect and grow up in a safe environment'.

Safeguarding and ensuring the welfare of children is about protecting children from maltreatment; preventing impairment of health or development; and ensuring children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care.

We want to ensure that all children and young people are kept safe and feel safe at all times, no matter what their background. Safeguarding is a key priority for the Children and Families Trust and it runs as a main theme throughout this plan. The Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) continues to provide the Trust with key challenge and oversight in this area.

"There is no duty more important than ensuring that children's welfare is protected, that their lives are free from fear and want, and that they can grow up in peace."

Kofi Annan – former Secretary General of the United Nations

Preventing families from becoming vulnerable and enabling them to maximise their life chances is vitally important. By ensuring that children, young people and their families are given the necessary social and emotional support at the earliest opportunity possible, we will help children and young people to reach their full potential. The complex issues faced by families who are in need of help often cannot be addressed by a single agency but demands a coordinated response, especially those families who have children with additional needs. We will deliver an integrated approach in order to support families to promote positive outcomes.

To achieve this outcome we have identified the following two priorities as key to our success:

CYPFP Priority 5: Children are safeguarded and protected from harm.

CYPFP Priority 6: Early intervention and prevention services improve outcomes for families.

Our Key Actions for 2012-2016

| Action | Lead |
|---|--------------|
| Promote a 'child-centred' focus across and beyond the Children and Families Trust. | All partners |
| Implement the Working Together Protocol. | All partners |
| Develop effective working practices with adult mental health services | SASS, DCC |
| Implement the Munro review of child protection recommendations. | SASS, DCC |
| Implement the Announced Inspection of Safeguarding and Services to Looked After Children action plan. | DCC & Health |

How will we measure success?

| Measure | Target 2012/13 |
|--|-----------------------|
| Percentage of children in need (CiN) referrals occurring within 12 months of previous referral | 20.0% |
| Percentage of referrals to children's social care result in assessment of need | 63% |
| Number of Initial Child Protection Conferences relating to Children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan where parental substance misuse has been identified as a risk factor | 30% |
| Number of Initial Child Protection Conferences relating to children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan where parental alcohol misuse has been identified as a risk factor | 26% |
| Children subject to family proceedings as a result of parental substance misuse | 32% |



Priority 6: Early intervention and prevention services improve outcomes for families



Our Key Actions for 2012-2016

| Action | Lead |
|---|---|
| Implement the One Point Operational Plan. | Head of Early Intervention and Partnership Services |
| Complete an options appraisal on future delivery arrangements for the One Point Service. | Head of Early Intervention and Partnership Services |
| Address gaps in childcare sufficiency as identified through the childcare sufficiency audit. | Childcare Manager, CYPS, DCC |
| Undertake a review of the relationship between the Think Family Board and the Children and Families Trust. | Head of Early Intervention and Partnership Services |
| Ensure all partner agencies have a working knowledge of the Common Assessment Framework / Children in Need interface. | One Point Service & SASS |

How will we measure success?

| Measure | Target 2012/13 |
|---|-------------------------|
| Number of Common Assessment Frameworks (CAFs) completed | 1,200 |
| Number of pre-CAFs undertaken | Not set – baseline year |
| Number of service users accessing One Point Services | Not set – baseline year |
| Percentage of children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time | 11.0% |
| Achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage with at least 6 in each of the scales in Personal Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy | 54.1% |



Delivering the Outcomes – Our Partnership Arrangements

The County Durham Children and Families Trust is part of a much bigger picture of ambition and delivery in County Durham. Leading on ‘*Altogether Better for Children and Young People*’, the Children and Families Trust is one of five strategic multi-agency thematic partnerships of the County Durham Partnership (CDP) which aims to deliver an ‘*Altogether Better Durham*’.

The CDP is made up of key public, private and voluntary sector organisations that work together to improve the quality of life for local people. There is a strong track record of working in partnership across County Durham which is evident throughout the CDP framework. The partnership framework is made up of the CDP Board, CDP Forum, five thematic partnerships and 14 Area Action Partnerships (AAPs). This can be seen in figure 4 below. The Joint Health and Wellbeing Board also play an important role in addressing the priorities within this plan.

The Partnership Board meet on a regular basis to drive a common purpose and ambition for the county, influence the use of all partners’ resources and ensure a strong focus on the achievement of the county’s priorities in the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS).

The delivery mechanism which will realise the ambitions of the Children and Families Trust and therefore the contribution to the work of the CDP and SCS is through the Children, Young People and Families’ Plan (CYPFP).

Figure 4: County Durham Partnership Framework, 2011



The Children and Families Trust

The Children and Families Trust has recently undergone a structural review in order to respond to the changing landscape in the way that key services are delivered. Early intervention services are now delivered through three specific areas within the County. Within the areas there are 10 One Point Service 'hubs' and 22 spokes delivering key and 'connected' services.

The governance arrangements of the Children and Families Trust include:

The Children's Executive Board (CEB) x 1

The CEB provides the strategic and senior leadership to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families in County Durham and ensures that partnership arrangements are effective. It leads on joint strategic and resource planning and oversees joint commissioning and performance management of the Children's Trust. The CEB is also responsible for managing risk and ensuring a range of control measures are identified and implemented to reduce the potential impact. Councillor Claire Vasey as the lead member for children and young people sit on the CEB and provides elected member direction and support.

Area Management Groups (AMG) x 3

Area Management Groups provide the leadership within each of the three areas to improve outcomes. They ensure that the strategic plan is translated into operational plans for the area and that a multi-agency network of support operates effectively at a local level. The Area Management Groups play a pivotal role in linking strategy and operations via effective planning, performance and commissioning. They also play a critical role in ensuring that the voice of children, young people and families contributes to the decision making process.

Local Delivery Partnerships (LDP) x 10

Local Delivery Partnerships play a key role in ensuring that services are delivered within the locality and that agreed processes and procedures are operating effectively. The groups rely on information and communication between agencies in order that the 'network of support' is working in practice and that appropriate teams are formed around the child and family.



The relationship between the Children and Families Trust and other key partnerships and groups is essential to the success of our work. These include:

Durham Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB)

The LSCB continues to work directly with the Children's Executive Board to ensure that safeguarding children and young people is prioritised by all represented partners. The LSCB is a statutory partnership that agrees how agencies and services should work together to safeguard children. The LSCB provides effective challenge and scrutiny of the work of the Trust and its partners in safeguarding and protecting children and young people in County Durham through established protocols. The Durham LSCB website (<http://www.durham-lscb.gov.uk>) provides more information on the role of the Board.

Joint Commissioning Board (JCB)

The Joint Commissioning Board has responsibility for coordinating and overseeing commissioning activity across the partner agencies that comprise the Children and Families Trust. It provides a vital link between services so that they work together to maximise commissioning to reap the greatest benefits for children, young people and families. As such, the JCB oversees how resources are pooled and deployed at a strategic level, as well as monitoring and reviewing the Annual Commissioning Plan to ensure that commissioned services are in place and are effective and efficient. The JCB reports directly to the Children's Executive Board.

Community of Interest for Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS)

The Children and Families Trust has established an active Community of Interest (CoI) with the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS). The Community of Interest represents and supports the collective interests of the VCS. It works towards ensuring that they remain actively engaged with the work of the Trust at all levels. The Community of Interest also plays a vital role in supporting the VCS to ensure outcomes for children, young people and families are improved.

Parents & Young People's Participation Development and Reference Groups

The Children and Families Trust is committed to involving children, young people and parents/carers throughout the breadth of our work. The Participation Groups coordinate our approaches to fostering the rights of children and young people, particularly their right to participate and also the participation of parents/carers in our work. The groups include representatives from main service providers, the Local Delivery Partnerships and children, young people and parents / carers. The groups set the standards and ensure that our practice provides ample and appropriate opportunities for children, young people and parents / carers to participate.

The Reference Groups, which are supported by Investing in Children, are the vehicle to making sure this happens and that the views of children, young people and parents influence the Trust. The Reference Groups have vital links with other wider groups of children, young people and parents / carers to ensure as many as possible can contribute.

Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG)

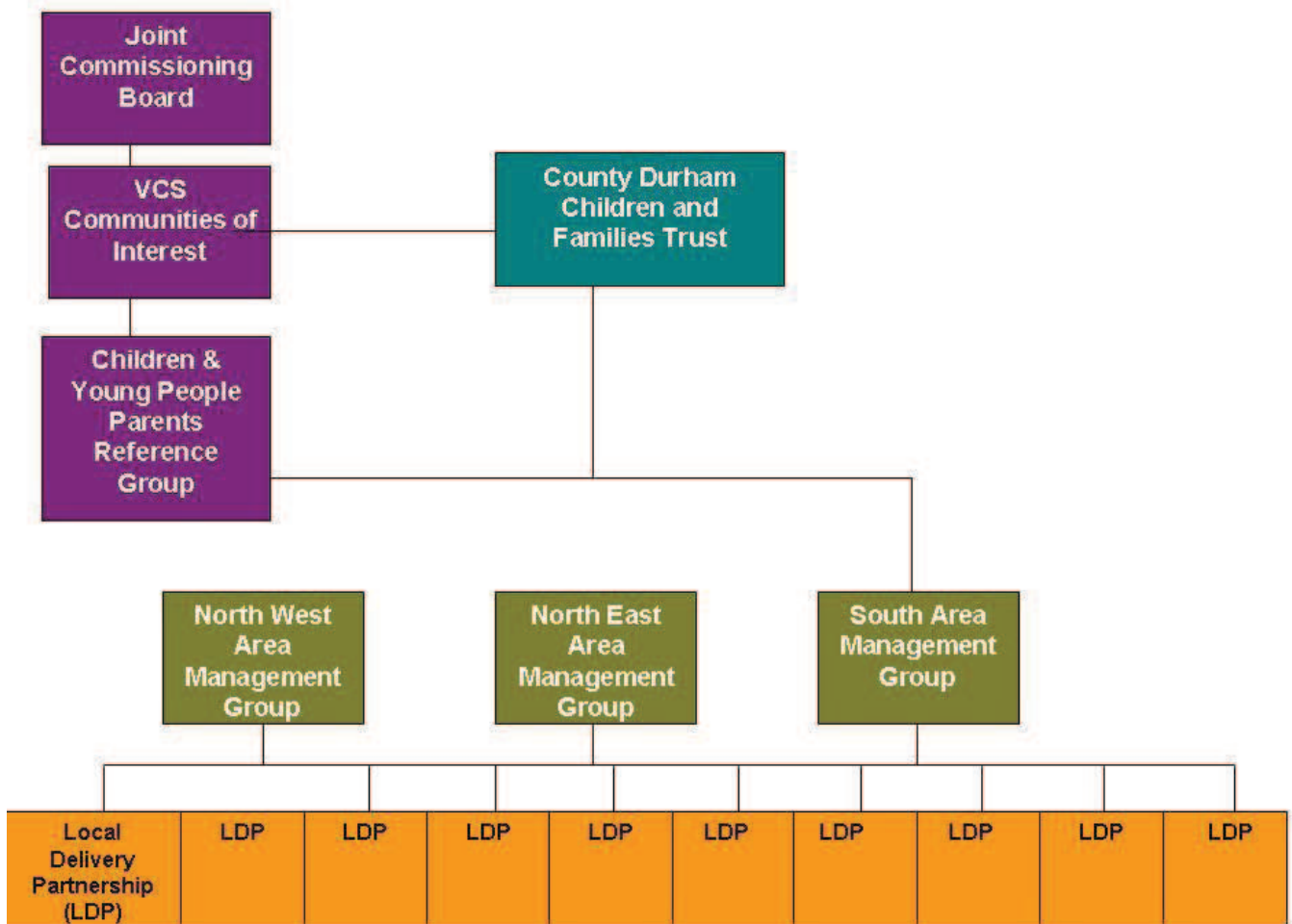
There are two Clinical Commissioning Groups which include General Practitioners (GPs), nurses and other health professionals which have been established to cover the whole of County Durham. These groups are working towards approval to take on the responsibility from the NHS Primary Care Trust (PCT) for planning and buying local health services.

Improving Progression Partnership (IPP)

This multi-agency partnership takes the lead in developing a strategic overview of County Durham's education and training priorities relating to participation, achievement and progression of young people. These priorities are informed by analysis, plans and through liaison with area based and thematic groups. This group ensures that there are effective linkages with other partnerships, including the Children's Trust and the County Durham Economic Partnership.

The structure of the Children and Families Trust is shown in Figure 5 below.

Figure 5: The Structure of the Children and Families Trust from April 2012



The Children, Young People and Families Plan is deliberately focused on what we need to achieve at a strategic level over the next 4 years. However, each priority will be supported by a 'Commissioning Plan' at the next level down which will set out what we need to achieve over the same period of time but in much more detail. The extensive research and information that we have gathered in the identification and selection of our priorities and high level actions will be used as part of the evidence base that will determine the content of the Commissioning Plans (Appendix 1). At this strategic level, therefore, we will focus on monitoring outcomes.

We will do this by ensuring that our performance monitoring and management approach is robust. We will use the performance management approach already firmly embedded within the partnership to ensure that our performance is monitored and managed and that constructive action is taken quickly to overcome any obstacles. The Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee also plays a key role in providing scrutiny and challenge and elected members are involved in managing performance and delivery at a local and area level through links with the Area Action Partnerships (AAPs).

We are confident that our plan reflects our strategic direction as a partnership and that we are focusing on the right things that make a difference to the lives of children, young people and families. However, we also acknowledge that it is important to ensure that we are **making progress** and that our strategic areas for focus **remain the right ones**.

How will we do this?

In partnership with children, young people, families and key partners, we will:

On a quarterly basis:

- Monitor and manage performance of the plan through the Children's Executive Board performance scorecard and initiate further work as required e.g. performance clinics;
- Monitor performance and provide independent scrutiny and challenge through the quarterly Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- Hold children and young people's reference groups to monitor performance and progress of the plan from a children and young people's perspective. A process for how best we can do this will be agreed with Investing in Children (IIC). The aim of this will be to ensure that young people can monitor our progress against the actions that we have set out and review whether we are making a difference from a young person's perspective.

On an annual basis:

- Undertake a full review of the plan by:
 - holding a stakeholder event, supported by a programme of children and young people's 'Agenda Days' focusing on identify emerging priorities or drivers for change;
 - researching emerging 'Drivers for change' which impact on the work of the Children's Trust and the Children, Young People and Families Plan including performance, national and local policy and strategic and operational issues affecting the Children and Families Trust;
 - undertaking a survey of children and young people; and
 - consulting and engaging with key stakeholders and groups such as the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee in the formulation of our plan.



Glossary

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| AAP | Area Action Partnership |
| AMG | Area Management Group |
| CAF | Common Assessment Framework |
| CDP | County Durham Partnership |
| CDYOS | County Durham Youth Offending Service |
| CEB | Children's Executive Board |
| COI | Community of Interest |
| CSE | Child Sexual Exploitation |
| CYPFP | Children, Young People and Families Plan |
| CYPS | Children and Young People's Services |
| DAAT | Drug and Alcohol Action Team |
| DCC | Durham County Council |
| EET | Education, Employment and Training |
| EYP | Early Years Practitioner |
| EYS | Early Years Sector |
| GCSE | General Certificate of Secondary Education |
| GRT | Gypsy, Roma and Traveller |
| IIC | Investing in Children |
| IPP | Improving Progression Partnership |
| JCB | Joint Commissioning Board |
| JSNA | Joint Strategic Needs Assessment |
| KS | Key Stage |
| LA | Local Authority |
| LAC | Looked After Children |
| LDP | Local Delivery Partnership |
| LGC | Local Government Chronicle |
| LSCB | Local Safeguarding Children Board |
| NEET | Not in Education, Employment or Training |
| NHS | National Health Service |
| PCT | Primary Care Trust |
| PRD | Pre-Reprimand Disposal |
| RPA | Raising of the Participation Age |
| SASS | Safeguarding and Specialist Services |
| SCS | Sustainable Community Strategy |
| SEN | Special Educational Needs |
| SRE | Sexual Health and Relationship Education |
| VCS | Voluntary and Community Sector |

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Please be assured that by giving up your time, you have contributed to providing a brighter future for the children, young people and families of County Durham through the creation and subsequent delivery of this plan. You have made sure that it is focused on the things that will make a difference to families' lives by ensuring that we listened to what you had to say.

Together we will ensure that each child and young person in County Durham, by taking steps in the right direction, *'believes, achieves and succeeds'*.





OUTCOME 1 - Children and Young People realise and maximise their potential

| Why is this issue important to us? | Policy / Research | Consultation | Needs Assessment | Performance |
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| Priority 1: Children and young people are supported to achieve and attain into adulthood | | | | |
| <p>Young people told us that 'school and education' and 'employment and jobs' are highly important issues affecting them and there are concerns about finding a job and having enough money. Specifically, children and young people told us:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need to increase the range of opportunities to learn new skills. • Tuition fees are a barrier to accessing further education. • It would be beneficial to 'try-out' courses and training opportunities before committing to them. | | "Picture This" event / Investing in Children | | |
| Children, young people and families told us about the importance of good information, advice and guidance that is tailored around the specific needs of children and young people. | | "Picture This" event / IIC | | |
| There needs to be continued focus on supporting and 'narrowing the gaps' which exist between vulnerable groups and the rest. This includes: looked after children; those from deprived areas; Gypsy, Roma and Travellers; and those with Special Educational Needs. | | | JSNA 2011 | Performance Scorecards |
| Partners need to intervene early and ensure the best start in life for all children and young people, supporting transitions and the key events in the lives of children and young people and raising achievement at age 19 / level 3. | | CYPP focus group | | |
| There has been a significant change in careers advice with the introduction of a new National Careers Service which will provide a national helpline and website to provide information. The new, full service will be fully operation by April 2012. | Education Bill | | | |

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| <p>The Special Educational Needs and Disability Green paper puts a focus on early intervention and integrated support, access to better quality vocational and work related learning to allow progress.</p> | <p>SEN and Disability Green paper</p> | | | |
| <p>The Education and Skills Act 2008 states '...make available to young people and relevant young adults for whom they are responsible such services as they consider appropriate to encourage, enable and assist them to remain in education and training'</p> | <p>Education and Skills Act 2008 Section 28</p> | | | |
| <p>Statutory duty to secure sufficient suitable education and training opportunities to meet the reasonable needs of all young people who are over compulsory school age but under 19, or are aged 19-25 and subject to a learning difficulty assessment.</p> | <p>Education and Skills Act 2008</p> | | | |
| <p>The Raising of the Participation Age means that all young people will continue in education or training to 17 from 2013 and to 18 from 2015. This places greater emphasis on Local Authorities to ensure that vulnerable groups are targeted and supported to ensure that they achieve in line with their peers and continue to engage in education, employment or training once they reach age 16.</p> | <p>Education and Skills Act 2008</p> | | | |
| <p>Priority 2: A range of positive activities are available for children and young people</p> | | | | |
| <p>The 3 main categories acting as barriers to participation in positive activities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transport - lack of affordable and regular provision ▪ Information and marketing - lack of clear unified marketing strategy ▪ Attitudes - towards children and young people/improving service focus around children and young people | <p>Joint Commissioning Board report December 2011</p> | | | |

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| 8 | <p>'Parks and play areas' and 'places to go and things to do' are very important to children and young people and families. Issues identified include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● unsuitability of parks and play areas (improving equipment and reducing waste); ● improving swimming facilities; ● gender-specific provision such as football facilities and skate-parks for boys and dancing for girls; ● the need for a wider range of facilities and the opportunity to travel and visit other areas, more purpose-built youth centres and facilities that children and young people can call their own; ● a wider range of activities available at weekends, during school holidays and during festivals across the year, such as Christmas and Easter. | | 'Picture This' event / Investing in Children Research | | |
| | <p>Local residents identified that one of their top priorities included the provision of activities for teenagers. Residents rated the following as issues that are important to them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Activities for Teenagers (37%) ● Play Facilities for Young Children (14%) ● Parks and Open Spaces (13%) | | County Durham Residents Survey 2010 | | |
| | <p>Transport is a specific issue that prevents children and young people accessing leisure opportunities. The rurality of the county and the cost of transport between towns and villages pose a significant barrier preventing children and young people accessing activities.</p> <p>Children and young people have told us that they'd like to see some services come to them – such as mobile cinemas set up in parks / local venues and using libraries and other venues for reading, writing and study groups specifically for children and young people.</p> | | Investing in Children Research | | |

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| <p>Existing legislation that supports youth work is described in statutory guidance in Section 507B Education Act 1996 (March 2008). This sets out the requirements for local authorities to provide youth work in three areas: positive activities, decision making by young people and 14-19 learning. The duty sets out two forms of activity to improve well-being. The first activity is 'educational leisure-time activities'. The second activity is 'recreational leisure-time activities' which includes sports and informal physical activities as well as a wide range of cultural activities including music, performing and visual arts.</p> <p>The House of Commons Education Committee report (23 June 2011) recommended that the Government announce publicly an intention to retain the statutory duty on local authorities to secure young people's access to sufficient educational and leisure-time activities, taking into account young people's views and to publicise up-to-date information and remind local authorities of this duty.</p> | <p>Education Act 1996 – Statutory Guidance March 2008 / House of Commons Education Committee report</p> | | | |

OUTCOME 2: Children and young people make positive choices

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| <p>Priority 3: Negative risk taking behaviour is reduced</p> <p>Research with children, young people and families found the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children aged 0-7 years have told us that they are concerned about young people drinking alcohol. Children aged 8-12 years told us about concerns they have about children and young people leading a healthy and active lifestyle, as well as use of alcohol and drugs by children and young people. Teenagers we have spoken with raised the subject of sex education and have told us that accessing free contraception is an issue which concerns them. Youth crime, anti-social behaviour and the need to feel safe were ranked in the top ten of themes highlighted by children and young people as being important to them. | | <p>“Picture This” event</p> | | |
| <p>Children and young people in County Durham have also told us that contraception services are not well publicised, accessible or welcoming and some young people fear that their right to confidentiality will not be respected. Children and young people have told us that it is difficult to get the right help and advice especially around the effects and consequences and use of drugs and alcohol.</p> | | <p>Investing in Children Research</p> | | |
| <p>The issues that affect parents often have a significant and detrimental impact on their children. These issues include: mental ill-health; domestic violence; substance misuse; learning difficulties and disabilities. The links between these factors as a cause of poor outcomes is well established. It is also important to recognise these impacts on children and young people’s risk taking behaviour.</p> | <p>County Durham Think Family Strategy</p> | | | |
| <p>The Government’s Reducing Demand Restructuring Supply, Building Recovery national strategy has been introduced to help support young people facing increased risks of developing problems with drugs or alcohol. Vulnerable groups - such as those who are truanting or excluded from school, looked after children (LAC), young offenders and those at risk of involvement in crime and anti-social behaviour, those with mental ill health, or those whose parents misuse drugs or alcohol - need targeted support to prevent drug or alcohol misuse or early intervention when problems first arise.</p> | <p>Reducing Demand, Restructuring Supply, Building Recovery (national strategy)</p> | | | |

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| <p>Alcohol-related hospital admission rates for under-18s in County Durham was 122 per 100,000, higher than the regional rate of 107.7 per 100,000. County Durham is ranked 12th worst out of 326 local authorities.</p> <p>Research shows that in County Durham higher proportions of children subject to a child protection plan / looked after are as a result of parental alcohol misuse, as well as mental health and domestic violence.</p> | | | JSNA 2011 | |
| <p>Overweight young people have a 50% chance of being overweight adults and, unless childhood obesity is addressed, this is likely to increase demand on the NHS and Adult Services due to the health problems associated with adult obesity.</p> <p>The link between sustained breastfeeding and deferred weaning (to at least six months) and reduced risk of childhood obesity is increasingly well established. As breastfeeding initiation is lower in County Durham than nationally or regionally, whilst breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks is also lower than for England or the region, the county therefore has a greater risk of childhood obesity.</p> | | | JSNA 2011 | |
| <p>National Strategies including "Healthy Weight, Healthy Lives: A Cross-Government strategy for England" (2008) set out the aims for the healthy growth and development of children which promote healthier food choices, building physical activity into lives, creating incentives for better health and personalised advice and support.</p> | Healthy Weight, Healthy Lives: A Cross-Government strategy for England | | | |
| <p>Reducing teenage pregnancy is central to improved outcomes for young men and women. It reduces health inequalities, child poverty and the costs associated with addressing the poor outcomes for young parents and their children. Low aspirations and low self esteem are some of the key risk factors for under-18 conceptions.</p> | 'Teenage Pregnancy Strategy: Beyond 2010' | | | |

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| | <p>Having children at a young age can be harmful to young women's health and wellbeing and severely limit education and career prospects and ensuring young people have access to a full range of contraception methods maximises effective contraception use, which impacts positively on both conception and abortion rates. The commissioning process was followed to establish the current need, services provided, best practice and what our commissioning priorities should be in order to continue / accelerate the downward trend in our performance. Our 4 key strands are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sexual Health and Relationship Education (SRE) ● Contraception Services ● Support to Teenage Parents ● Data Intelligence and Communication | | | <p>JSNA 2011 / Joint Commissioning Teenage Pregnancy</p> | |
| | | <p>Breaking the Cycle – Effective Punishment, Rehabilitation and Sentencing of Offenders</p> | | | |
| <p>Priority 4: Children and young people are more resilient</p> | | | | | |
| | <p>Children and young people have told us about the importance they place on emotional health and wellbeing. They've told us that the issues which matter most to them include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● friendships and relationships ● self - esteem ● positive behaviour ● bullying ● feeling valued and respected | | <p>"Picture This" event / IIC</p> | | |
| | <p>Children and young people told us that adults should listen to them more and that it would be beneficial if more members of the Children's Workforce were trained to help and advise them on a range of complex, and often sensitive, issues.</p> | | <p>Investing in Children research</p> | | |

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| <p>The government aims to provide early intervention and prevention to improve quality of life by focusing on empowering people to lead the life they want with dignity and respect. The strategy aims to expand provision of psychological therapies to children and young people. National Statistics show that prevalence of mental health disorders in children is higher for those:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • living in lone parent families or reconstituted families; • whose parents have no educational qualifications; • living in workless households; • from low income families; • from families in receipt of benefits; and • from families who belong to routine manual groups or live in rented housing or within areas of higher deprivation. | <p>No Health without Mental Health' strategy (2011)</p> | | | |
| <p>There is a rising prevalence of emotional problems and this is likely to impact on: educational attainment, absences from school, exclusions, friendships, physical health and offending behaviours.</p> | | | <p>JSNA 2011</p> | |
| <p>Being valued gives a child or young person a sense of inner worth that allows them to cope with every day life. Respect for themselves and others develops from knowing that they are listened to, knowing their views are considered, feeling they 'belong' and have healthy relationships. All of these factors are inter-linked allowing a child to develop resilience which will give them the courage to face what ever comes their way from childhood through to adulthood.</p> | <p>Hart, A. and Blincoe D. with Thomas, H. (2007) Resilient Therapy: Working with children and families. London: Routledge</p> | | | |
| <p>Research conducted with secondary schools demonstrated the positive impact of being made to feel valued and respected by including them in the decision making. This in turn made a positive contribution to their feelings of wellbeing. Comments from young people included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "We got to voice our opinions on whom we thought would make the best teacher...In the end we got the teachers we chose." • "We have changed the school council structure ...allowing everyone a chance to have their say." • "We can write our ideas and thoughts about the school, and what we want to change". • "School council meetings take place whenever we want...we just ask for one." | | <p>Investing In Children research</p> | | |

OUTCOME 3: Children, young people and families' needs are met

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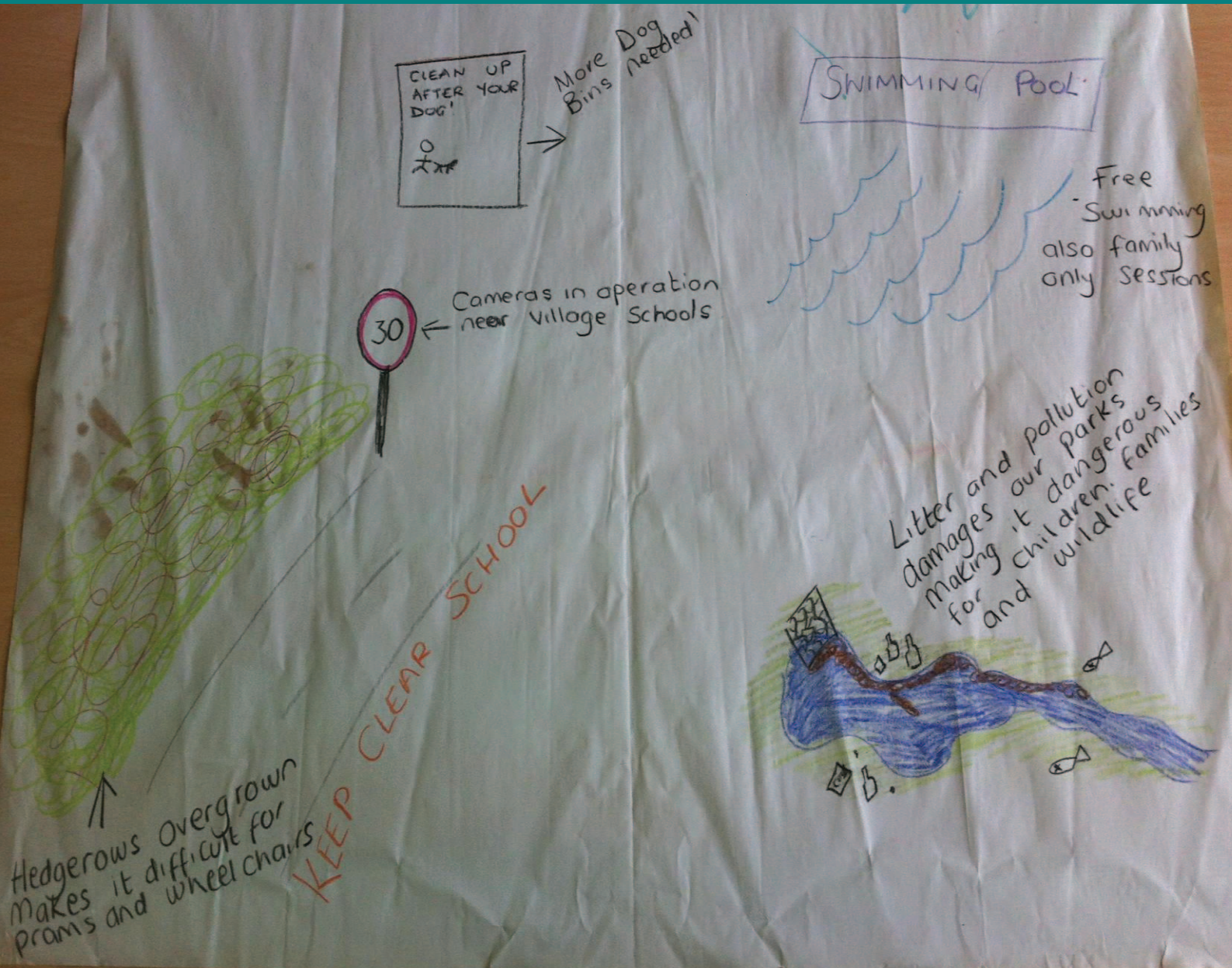
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| Priority 5: Children are safeguarded and protected from harm | | | | |
| <p>There are agreed protocols in place between the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and the Children and Families Trust to ensure effective challenge and scrutiny of the work of the Trust and its partners in safeguarding and protecting children and young people in County Durham. The LSCB poses specific challenges for the Trust concerning: information sharing; use of Common Assessment Frameworks (CAFs); impact of parental mental health; sexual exploitation and early intervention.</p> | <p>Role of Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and relationship with the Children and Families Trust</p> | | | |
| <p>The Munro review demonstrates the need to improve safeguarding services as well as the need to 'intervene early'. It highlights the importance of a successful and robust interface between integrated, preventative services and safeguarding services as well as refocusing the work of safeguarding services on intervention, not processes that detract from working with families that have complex needs. The repercussions of the review will continue mean that there will be some dramatic changes in the child protection system and will in the longer term promote simplicity and improved frontline work with families.</p> | <p>Munro Review of Children Protection</p> | | | |
| <p>Our research shows that between 2007/08 and 2010/11 there has been a consistent and substantial increase in safeguarding activity in County Durham. This can be partially explained through the implementation and promotion of the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) and an increased focus on safeguarding as a result of heightened public and professional awareness stemming from well-document cases such as 'Baby P'. The demand for safeguarding services at a glance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of initial assessments has increased over the last 4 years from 2,521 to 3,449 in 2010/11, an increase of 36.8% (928). • The number of core assessments has increased over the last 4 years from 633 to 1447 in 2010/11, an increase of 128.6% (814). • The number of children subject to a child protection plan per 10,000 population has increased from 17 in 2005/06 to 44 in 2010/11. • The number of children looked after per 10,000 population has increased from 40 in 2007/08 to 52 in 2010/11. | | | <p>JSNA 2011</p> | <p>Performance Scorecards</p> |

| Why is this issue important to us? | Policy / Research | Consultation | Needs Assessment | Performance |
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| <p>In the last twelve months, there is some evidence to suggest that this increased demand for safeguarding services has levelled off, with small decreases in referrals and the number of children who are subject to a child protection plan remaining consistent with levels in 2009/10. However, increases in the number of children who are in the care of the local authority, that often present with complex needs which require sustained, on-going support will impact upon resources and service delivery.</p> | | | JSNA 2011 | |
| <p>Research shows that growing up in child poverty has a significant impact on children and young people both during their childhood and beyond, with clear links to safeguarding and specialist services. The County Durham Child Poverty Needs Assessment illustrates that child poverty affects many families in County Durham with pockets of deprivation spread across the County. The issues affecting parents include mental health, substance misuse, learning disability and difficulties and domestic violence are well-documented and the links with neglect, physical abuse and the need for intervention by safeguarding services is well-established. Identifying and addressing these issues which impact of parenting ability and capacity requires a multi-agency and coordinated response. Universal services play a key role in identifying and addressing the issues affecting parenting ability and capacity.</p> | <p>County Durham Child Poverty Strategy / Needs Assessment</p> | | | |
| <p>Research shows that children that grow up in poverty can be more vulnerable to maltreatment, particularly neglect and physical abuse. Child neglect is complex and multifaceted and therefore difficult to define. It can range from physical to psychological/emotional neglect, absence of supervision, abandonment and supervisory neglect.</p> | <p>NSPCC research (Poverty and Maltreatment, 2008)</p> | | | |
| <p>There is a strong correlation between poverty and neglect with 98% of families whose children at risk of emotional maltreatment or neglect were characterised by the extreme poverty of their material environment – reflected in the fact that 59% lived in over-crowded housing conditions, and with 56% of parents reporting high levels of emotional stress.</p> | <p>(Tuck 2000). Thoburn et al. (2000)</p> | | | |

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| <p>The County Durham 'Think Family' Strategy states that: <i>'Families are the building blocks of our communities. As well as providing for the current generation, families bring up the children who will be the future of County Durham'</i>. The strategy outlines the importance of families in providing the positive nurturing, learning and care needed to enable children to lead healthy and happy lives. Fundamental to this is good parenting which leads to improved attainment, resilience, healthy lifestyles, confidence and feelings of self worth.</p> <p>It is recognised that families that have multiple and complex needs can be at risk of needing specialist services in the future. This Strategy sets out intentions to working across traditional age-related service boundaries to "Think Family". In taking an integrated approach, we will meet needs in a more effective and efficient way – intervening early to prevent the future need to provide safeguarding services.</p> | <p>County Durham Think Family Strategy</p> | | | |
| <p>Priority 6: Early intervention and prevention services improve outcomes for families</p> | | | | |
| <p>The Early Intervention: Next Steps, the research and report conducted by Graham Allen MP, tells us that we need to intervene early, to make sure that our children get the best possible start in life. We need to keep supporting them throughout childhood in ways which help them reach their key milestones of social and emotional development. Between birth and the age of 3, neglect, bad parenting and other adverse experiences can have a profound negative effect on children and their brain development. The rationale is simple: many of the costly and damaging social problems in society are created because we are not giving children the right type of support in their earliest years. Early intervention enables every baby, child and young person to acquire the right foundations upon which future success depends.</p> | <p>Allen Review of Early Intervention</p> | | | |
| <p>The review of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) concluded that the earliest years in a child's life are absolutely critical, providing the essential foundations for healthy development. If these foundations are not secure, children can experience long-term problems which often present wider social consequences. It is imperative that the support and education provided in pre-school settings is of a high quality. In 2008, the EYFS was introduced with the intention of providing a framework to deliver consistent and high quality environments for all children in pre-school settings, recognising the importance of this period in a child's life. The review shows that outcomes for young children are improving. However, it is not perfect and the Tickell review provides recommendations that are designed to build on and improve the current statutory framework.</p> | <p>Tickell Review of Early Years Foundation Stage</p> | | | |

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| <p>The Marmot review into health inequalities (February 2010) proposes an evidence-based strategy to address the social determinant of health, the conditions people are born, grow, live and work and age and which can lead to health inequalities. The review builds the case to improve health for all and reduce unfair and unjust inequalities.</p> | <p>Marmot Review 'Fair Society, Health Lives'</p> | | | |
| <p>The Field review sets out a new national strategy for tackling child poverty and promoting social mobility – the ability to move between one social class to another. In order to tackle the health inequalities and the pockets of poverty which exist across County Durham, our focus and commitment to intervene early and prevent future, costly services is fundamental to achieving these aims.</p> | <p>Field Report of the Independent Review of Poverty and Life Changes</p> | | | |
| <p>Recent performance information for child poverty for County Durham shows that 20,945 children under 16 were in poverty which represents an increase of 940 children (4.2 percentage points) from the previous year. This equates to 23.5% of children under 16 in poverty in 2009 compared with 22.7% in 2008.</p> | | | <p>JSNA 2011</p> | |
| <p>The green paper aims to develop stronger local strategic planning and commissioning arrangements for local authorities and health services to play a pivotal role in ensuring children and young people with SEN or disabilities receive high quality support which includes day time care, overnight care and educational/recreational activities for disabled children outside their home.</p> | <p>SEN and Disability Green Paper</p> | | | |
| <p>The JSNA shows that the number of disabled children and young people is growing due to advances in medicine and technology that prolongs life, whilst the number of children and young people with autism is rising. The JSNA indicates that as severely disabled children and young people receive a statutory service from the Children and Young People's Disability Service, there is likely to be increased demand for such services in the future.</p> | | | <p>JSNA 2011</p> | |
| <p>Our approach in County Durham ensures that both parents and children are able to get the support they need, at the right time, to help their children achieve good outcomes. It means making sure that families receive integrated, co-ordinated, multi-agency, solution-focused support. By identifying problems early, all services can work closely together to help prevent a family's needs escalating and requiring more intensive intervention.</p> | <p>County Durham Think Family Strategy</p> | | | |

Further images from the children and young people who participated in our 'Picture This' event.



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**Children & Young People's
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**



16th July 2012

**Refresh of the Committee's Work
Programme**

Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide for Members consideration an updated work programme for the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2012 - 14.

Background

- 2 At its meeting on 13th April 2012, the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the actions identified within the Council Plan 2012 – 2016 for the Altogether Better for Children and Young People priority theme and agreed to refresh its work programme to include a number of these actions.

Detail

- 3 In accordance with this decision, a work programme for 2012 – 2014 has been prepared and is attached at appendix 2.
- 4 Members are also encouraged to identify areas of scrutiny investigation (in depth and light touch reviews) from the work programme.

Recommendation

- 5 Members of the Committee are asked to suggest topics for scrutiny investigation and agree the new work programme.

Background Papers

Council Plan 2012 – 2016

Report to Children & Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 13th April 2012

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – The Council Plan sets out the corporate priorities of the Council for the next 4 years. The Medium Term Financial Plan aligns revenue and capital investment to priorities within the Council Plan.

Staffing – None

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity - None

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder - None

Human Rights - None

Consultation – None

Procurement – None

Disability Discrimination Act – None

Legal Implications – None

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| <p>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2012 TO 2014</p> <p>Children and Young People's OSC</p> <p>Lead Officer: Ann Whitton</p> <p>IPG contact: Maureen Clare</p> | <p>Note:</p> <p>O/S Review - A systematic 6 monthly review of progress against recommendations/Action Plan</p> <p>Scrutiny/Working Group – Indepth Review</p> <p>Overview/progress – information on an issue; opportunity to comment, shape, influence, progress with a scrutiny review</p> <p>Performance – ongoing monitoring (quarterly) performance reports/budgets</p> |
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| O/S Review Updates | | | | | |
| Early Years/Sure Start | | Sept 2012 | NW/FC | Update on progress of recommendations. | Most of the progress at the last update gave dates in the New Year for progress to be made. |
| Under 18 Conceptions | | Nov 2012 | Riana Nelson Lynn Wilson | Update on progress of recommendations. | Provide response from Cabinet/PH on recommendations. |
| Scrutiny/Working Group | | | | | |
| Excess Weight in Primary Aged Children | April 2012 | Oct 2012 | Esther Mireku/ Alison Young | Identified from overview presentation and from performance information that had been received that further | Provide an update on the current 2004 strategy to reflect changes in legislation, statistics, programmes and structures of organisations |

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| | | | | | study was required. | involved. Also looking at current social marketing and behaviour change and impact on commissioned programmes. |
| Overview/Progress | | | | | | |
| Communities of Learning Educational Attainment | Jul 2012 | 2012 | Maureen Claire | Following a presentation on educational attainment further information was requested on Communities of Learning. | | This provides members with a better understanding of how communities of learning is structured and how this fits with the performance of SEND children and young people. |
| Places to go Things to do Strategy & Strategy for Youth | July 2012 | | Paul McGinnety | To provide members with information on the strategies and to present a DVD | | Members will receive information on the PTGTTD strategy and the strategy for Youth and receive a showing of a DVD. |
| Development of Children & Young People's Plan 2012-2015 | Jul 2012 | | Carole Payne/ Sue Carty | The plan will reflect the priorities as set out within the Sustainable Community Strategy | | Provide an update for members on the new CYP & F Plan |
| Free School Meals - Evaluation | Sept 2012 | | TBC | Update Members on current status. | | Members asked for evaluation of the pilot scheme and that a copy of the evaluation be sent to County Durham's MPs. |
| Troubled Families Programme and Think Family Strategy | Sept 2012 | | Carole Payne / Karen Davison | To provide an update on the new troubled families programme and on think family strategy | | Following the Think Family Scrutiny Review and systematic update on recommendations Members can now receive an update on the current strategy and receive information on the new Troubled Families Programme. |
| Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy | Sept 2012 | | Andrea Petty | To provide members with information on the joint health and wellbeing strategy | | |
| NHS Reforms | Sept 2012 | | Suzanne | To provide an update on latest | | |

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| | | | | | NHS Reforms relating to children and Young People | |
| Welfare Reform | Sept 2012 | | | Feisal Jassat | To provide members with how welfare reform will impact on children and families | The Welfare Reform Report details how these reforms impact on the people of County Durham |
| Safeguarding – Supporting Foster Parents | Sept 2012 | | | Gail Hopper/Karen Robb | Following an overview briefing on Looked After Children Members asked for more information on how Foster Carers are supported by the Authority | Information will be provided to members on the support offered to foster carers in County Durham. Information will also be given on the recent Ofsted inspection of the service. |
| Child Poverty Action Plan | Nov 2012 | | | TBC | Performance information indicates that there is an increase in child poverty in County Durham. | To provide members with an outline of what actions are in place to address the problem of child poverty in County Durham. |
| Child Exploitation | Jan 2013 | | | Gail Hopper/Karen Robb/Ian Scott | This issue was highlighted during the review of under 18 conceptions. | Following the review of under 18 conceptions members suggested that they would like to receive an overview on what the Council is doing to stop Child Exploitation. |
| One Point Service (Integrated Services) | Jan 2013 | | | Carole Payne/ Julie Scurfield | Monitor progress of the service, to ensure that all the families' needs are met and barriers are overcome. This is a joint venture with health services and has a huge remit involving large numbers of staff. | Members requested a further update be received on the One Point Service |
| Children with Disabilities taking part in Sport | TBA 2012 | | | Deborah Holmes | Following a presentation to the cttee on Disability Strategy members requested that further study was required on sports and leisure services/facilities available to C & YP with | Provide a snapshot of what is available and accessible and how many SEND c&yp are taking part in sport. |

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| Mental Health Issues of Children and Young People | TBA 2013 | | TBC | disabilities. Identified in the Children and Young People section of the Council Plan as an area as a cause for concern. This is a cross cutting issue with Altogether Healthier and AWHOSC. | The impact of emotional wellbeing affects every aspect of life therefore it makes it all the more necessary to address this in children and young people. |
| Alcohol and Substance Misuse of Children & Young People | tba 2012/13 | | Gail Hopper | As identified within Altogether Better for CYP cross cutting with SSOSC and AWHOSC | This can link in with under 18 conception rates. It relates to local performance indicator which had been a national indicator but this was cancelled by the government August 2010. However CYPS is currently on course to achieve targets. |
| Children's Health Services | TBA 2013 | | TBC | This is a cross cutting issue with AWHOSC | This links with the issue above and is a cross cutting issue with AWHOSC |
| Performance Q 1 Q 2 Q 3 Q 4 | Sept 2012 Jan 2013 April 2013 tba | | | | Ongoing – highlight areas which are giving cause for concern |
| Budget Outturn Report Q 1 Q 2 Q 3 Q4 | Sept 2012 Nov 2013 Apr 2013 tbc | | | | Ongoing – highlight areas of concern. Committee to receive updates on the affects and implications of MTFP on service groupings |
| MTFP Implications on Services | Ongoing | | | | Committee to receive updates on the affects and implications of MTFP |

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Children’s Executive Board



Minutes of Meeting:

Date: 16 January 2012

Venue: Committee Room 1A, County Hall, Durham

County Durham Children’s Trust

Present:

| Name | Agency |
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| David Williams (Chair) | Corporate Director CYPS, Durham County Council |
| Rachael Shimmin | Director of Adult and Community Services |
| Carole Payne | CYPS, Durham County Council |
| Gail Hopper | Chair Local Safeguarding Children’s Board |
| Gill Eshelby | Head of County Durham Youth Offending service |
| Chris Butler | VCS Community of Interest |
| Liam Cairns | Investing in Children |
| David Priestley | Sedgefield Local Children’s Board |
| Michael Lamb | CYPS – Performance Team |
| Gary Stokoe | Derwentside Community of Interest |
| Ann Whitton | Overview & Scrutiny, Durham County Council |
| Andy Palmer | Regeneration and Economic Development, DCC |
| Chris Davis | TEWV |
| Kathryn Larkin-Bramley | Police Authority |
| Lynn Wilson | Public Health |

Apologies:

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| Gerard Moran | Headteacher representing Secondary Schools |
| Carina Carey | Probation |
| John Redman | Head and representative Primary Schools |
| Linda Bailey | CYPS, Durham County Council |
| Dave Ford | CYPS, DCC |
| Anna Lynch | Director of Public Health, County Durham |
| Craig Platt | |
| Dr Kate Bidwell | Practice Based Commissioning |
| Chris Peverall | Durham & Chester-Le-Street Local Children’s Board |
| Kath Vasey | Easington Local Children’s Board |

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| 1. Introductions/ Apologies | DCW requested the group introduce themselves for the benefit of new people in attendance and the Minute taker. | |
| 2. Minutes of last meeting | DP reiterated again the incorrect spelling of his surname and LW was not recorded as being present. | DP/LW |
| 3. Action Log and Matters Arising | Update on the One Point Service – CP gave the group a brief update on the position so far. All HUBs are now in operation apart from Seaham who were still encountering some problems with BT. Valuable examples of innovative service provision, improved accessibility and information sharing had been duly noted by CP. | CP |

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| Matters arising (continued) | Investing in Children – Liam Cairns (LC) briefed the group on the progress made so far with the card scheme. Unfortunately an NHS element required for the cards had led to further delays. DCW requested this be expedited as quickly as possible. GH stated she would check on progress as discussions had taken place with the young people. | LC DCW/GH |
| 4. Verbal Report from Board Members of Action on LSCB Annual Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LW gave the Board verbal feedback about the appointment of an ISVA (Independent Sexual Violence Advocate) and confirmed funding for 12 months. The post supports children and their families following sexual assault and assists/supports through the legal process. The ISVA will not come under 'Health' – Claire Sullivan will take the lead. Rachael Shimmin (RS) offered her support for the ISVA. • LW – Rapid Response – computerised service specification. • GH confirmed the LSCB's sub-group for Child Sex Exploitation was moving forward. • Training and Mental Health – some areas require re-visiting. • GS confirmed the new information portal had been distributed County-wide which included comprehensive details and the calendar for safeguarding training. • GH had met with Suzanne Welsh and confirmed everything was moving in a positive direction. | LW/RS LW GH GS GH |
| 5. Quarterly Performance Report (Up to end of September 2011) | <p>ML discussed the Quarterly Performance Report briefly explaining each outcome along with the associated area for improvement. Comments from the Board were made on the following outcomes:</p> <p>Be Healthy LW questioned the variance between geographical and cultural differences naming Easington and Derwentside as an example. CP suggested action was required on a number of different levels; for example we need to look at service provider attitudes to pregnancy rates as well as to availability of CASH services.</p> <p>Stay Safe Areas for Improvement – Number of children killed or seriously injured (KS1) in road traffic accidents – RS offered her support through Safe Durham Partnership. Number of CAFs carried out had reduced, possibly due to a change in procedure in CDYOS.</p> <p>Enjoy and Achieve Further improvement in achievements was noted.</p> | GH |

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| Item 5 (Continued) | <p>Making a Positive Contribution New national indicators are to be introduced, but are not yet available.</p> <p>Achieve Economic Well Being DCW had seen the impact on NEETs of decisions made on budgets. 'Not knowns' rate was very high. There is a lot of pressure from Government to find where the young people have gone. DP suggested 'partnership' working with schools and CP confirmed it was helpful to know where people were and agreed a plan to be put in place. She suggested this would be something One Point would look at i.e. 'joint working' for future years.</p> | DCW/CP/ DP |
| 6. Key Messages for Young People for the Children's Trust | <p>LC presented his report to the Board in proposing to support young people to attend Children's Executive Board meetings to present some of their own issues.</p> <p>The Board did agree to engage directly with the young people but DCW expressed his concerns that some items discussed at Board meetings were not appropriate for the young people and that they would not benefit from attendance. DP felt that getting the 'right balance' was important and not to deny the young people their voice.</p> <p>The schedule of issues requiring consideration and a list of groups that the Board wishes to hear from was discussed but DCW did not wish pupils to miss school in order for them to attend Board meetings.</p> <p>LC to make a decision on and where to meet the children and young people bearing in mind that transport could be an issue.</p> <p>Action: Item for next Board meeting</p> | LC DCW LC |
| 7. Think Family: Troubled Families Programme | <p>CP discussed the Think Family: Troubled Families Programme report. In the first instance it was suggested that the wording 'Troubled Families' be replaced by 'Think Family'.</p> <p>CP confirmed DCLG's funding of £448m nationally to run this programme and RS stressed the importance of using it well. She stated that the Think Family Board need to monitor programmes and requested her attendance at these meetings. RS suggested a project role for the 'Think Family Board'.</p> <p>With regard to timescales CP stipulated preparatory work to be completed by end of March 2012 and in the case of identification of troubled families by February 2012</p> | CP RS CP |

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| Item 7 (Continued) | <p>CP stated Durham County Council and County Durham Partnership's agreement that the Think Family programme will report to the Think Family Board.</p> <p>CD asked how to identify what is spent on agencies and suggested arranging workshops.</p> <p>DCW noted the requirement to appoint a Troubled Families Co-ordinator and requested regular reports to the Board.</p> | <p>CP</p> <p>CD</p> <p>CP</p> |
| 8. Children's Trust Review | <p>CP summarised the consultation feedback on proposals for review of County Durham's Trust.</p> <p>The recommendations in 3.8 of the report were agreed by the Board.</p> <p>Item 4 Membership of the County Durham Children and Families Trust Executive Board – DCW thought this group could be too big and requested minor changes. He suggested only one representative from the Colleges. RS suggested two from the Clinical Commissioning Groups and noted CSUs were not on the list. KLB was keen to offer her input also. CP was concerned that to broaden the remit would mean bigger membership. It was agreed CP would request organisations to nominate one representative.</p> <p>The Board agreed that DCS should Chair the Children and Families Trust.</p> <p>Item 5 Membership of the County Durham Children and Families Trust – Area Management Groups – RS aired her concerns that only representatives from North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust were listed and none from Durham and Darlington. These members to be added.</p> <p>With regards to GP Practices it was concluded one representative from each of the Hub areas should be sought.</p> <p>Although the merging of the Think Family Board and the CFT would not occur at this stage, RS suggested that this should be reviewed again in 6 months time, hence 6 months was agreed (September).</p> <p>CP recommended One Point Area Manager to Chair and provide secretariat for the area group and an independent Vice-Chair to be elected. GS queried the role of a voluntary sector member. CP stressed the importance of full engagement of C.O.1.</p> | <p>CP</p> <p>All to Note</p> <p>DCW/RS</p> <p>CP</p> <p>All to note</p> <p>CP</p> <p>CP</p> <p>CP</p> <p>CP</p> |

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| Item 8 (Continued) | <p>Item 6 Locality Delivery Groups CP agreed to finalise membership of the groups and will give clarification to the Board in September.</p> <p>RS was concerned about the duplication of work with SNU and LMAPS and would ask Steve Arkley to consider this.</p> <p>DCW asked if AAPs would be appropriate and CP said she would structure the agenda and invite AAPs as appropriate to part of the meeting.</p> <p>DP requested clarity in building closer partnerships with schools and DCW suggested structuring the agenda well in advance.</p> <p>Item 8 Implementation Meetings which are scheduled and connected to each other should be 'dovetailed' together.</p> | <p>CP</p> <p>RS</p> <p>DCW/CP</p> <p>CP</p> <p>CP</p> |
| Any other business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on young carers – how it operates • Schools signed up for Charter • RS – Health and Well being Board – bring something into the Children's Executive Board, could be an agenda item for the future. | <p>All to Note</p> <p>RS</p> |
| Embargoed until 25 January 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCW announced the key findings of the recent Ofsted Inspection of Safeguarding and Looked After Services: <p>Overall Effectiveness of Safeguarding Services – Outstanding Capacity for Improvement in Safeguarding Services – Outstanding Overall Effectiveness of Looked After Services – Good Capacity for Improvement in Safeguarding Services - Outstanding</p> | <p>All to note</p> |
| Date of Next Meeting | <p>12 March, 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm (venue to be determined)</p> | |

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Children's Executive Board

Minutes of Meeting:

Date: 12th March 2012

Venue: Chester-le-Street One Point Hub



County Durham
Children's Trust

Present:

| Name | Agency |
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| David Williams (Chair) | Corporate Director CYPS, Durham County Council |
| Rachael Shimmin | Corporate Director, AWBH, Durham County Council |
| Anna Lynch | Director Public Health |
| Gail Hopper | Chair Local Safeguarding Children's Board |
| Gill Eshelby | Head of County Durham Youth Offending service |
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Apologies:

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| Kath Vasey | Easington Local Children's Board |
| Carole Payne | CYPS, Durham County Council |
| John Redman | Head and representative Primary Schools |
| Chris Davis | TEVV |
| Kathryn Larkin-Bramley | Police Authority |

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| 2. Minutes of the Last Meeting | RS job title to be changed. | |
| 3. Matters Arising | With regard to the liC card scheme for young carers, a pilot will be launched in 6 schools. This will go live in May, with an evaluation in August. | |
| 4. Quarterly Performance Report | ML referred to the Q3 performance report. Latest data shows under 18 conception rate is improving, as is obesity. There have been 6 child casualties due to RTAs and minor changes have been seen with regard to enjoy and achieve. Figures for care leaves in education, employment or training are positive, and an improvement has been seen amongst NEET young mothers. Numbers for not knowns are high due to the inability to track the destinations of school leavers. Call centres have been contracted to follow up, with the One Point Service to focus on those with complex needs. | |

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| <p>5. Children Young People and Families Plan</p> | <p>SC reported that this is the second draft, with the consultation having finished on the 29th February. The direction, outcomes and priorities are the same. The strategy focuses on the root causes and intervention. It will come to the Board in June for final approval.</p> <p>It was suggested that the emerging commissioning priorities of the CCGs should be referenced.</p> | <p>SC</p> |
| <p>6. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</p> | <p>SC provided a presentation on the JSNA. This will be to identify wellbeing needs. As of 2013, this will be extended to include CCGs.</p> <p>Key messages for CYPS are obesity, teenage conception and LAC. The majority of CPPs are as a result of abuse or neglect due to parental alcohol/substance abuse, mental health and domestic violence.</p> <p>Next steps will be for the report to go to the County Durham Partnership on the 29th March.</p> | |
| <p>7. LAC Commissioning Strategy</p> | <p>RN reported that the purpose of the LAC commissioning strategy is to understand and plan for the needs of LAC, in order for them to achieve their maximum potential and improve placement stability. The aim is to improve early intervention, emotional wellbeing, placement choice, narrowing the attainment gap and post 16 support. Once implemented, this will be driven by the MALAP Board.</p> <p>There has been success with managing the external market, and use is reducing. Recruiting internally has been successful. Achievement of LAC are presented negatively, as their lives are improved. Internal apprenticeships for LAC were suggested.</p> | |
| <p>8. Children with Disabilities Commissioning Strategy</p> | <p>PM reported that the launch would be on the 30th March. The focus is on prevention, and is being widened to include statements and SE. Services have been mapped out, gaps have been identified and a strategic response has been developed.</p> <p>It was agreed that finance needs to be added, and CCGs need to be engaged.</p> | |
| <p>9. Think Family Update</p> | <p>DW reported on the Troubled Families initiative. DCLG are offering 50% funding via a payment by results method, to aid these families to turn their lives around. £20,000 will be received to plan, followed by £75,000 over three years for a dedicated Troubled Families coordinator. Durham is estimated to have 1320 Troubled Families and these need to be identified. Links will be made with the ESF project and High Impact Households.</p> | |
| <p>10. Sedgefield LCB Legacy</p> | <p>DP referred to the legacy report, in particular the core issues the LCB felt necessary to share. It is imperative that the One Point Service does not exclude other partners. Commissions for the LCB can be confusing.</p> <p>A video was shown on the 'Check It Out' initiative. Young people chose the issues they wanted to promote and this was toured. It brought young people together with the voluntary sector, youth workers and the police.</p> | |

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| 11. Key Issues for Young People | <p>Young people were in attendance and provided a presentation on issues in their local areas. They informed the Board that there seems to be no respect for young people. By working with liC, positive relationships have been built with the Police, which has lessened trouble and bad feeling. It has been suggested that this be rolled out into other areas, with the young people in the pilot as mentors.</p> <p>It was suggested that there is no complaints system for young people to make their voices heard. GH will liaise with Ken Pattison to progress this suggestion.</p> <p>Areas depicted in the presentation are littered with rubbish, leaving nowhere safe to play. A neighbourhood warden made good progress by getting some areas cleared, but this is still an issue. DW suggested that Terry Collins would be the most appropriate person to discuss this with liC.</p> | |
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