

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

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**The 0-19 Healthy Child Programme in
County Durham**



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Electoral Divisions affected:

Countywide

Purpose of Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to introduce a presentation on the review and re-procurement of the current 0-19 Growing Healthy Service. This service includes the Health Visiting (HV) and school nursing (SN) services.

Executive Summary

- 2 The presentation highlights the work carried out by 0-19 Growing Healthy service and an overview of the review and re-procurement of the 0-19 service.

Recommendations

- 3 Members of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee are requested to receive the report and presentation and comment accordingly.

Background

- 4 The 0-19 Healthy Child Programme in County Durham is delivered by the 0-19 Growing Healthy Team, Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust (HDFT). This is delivered by a skill mixed workforce led by Specialist Community Public Health Nurses, enhanced by clinical champions and thematic lead roles.
- 5 The 0-19 Healthy Child Programme provides a strong evidence based universal offer of core contacts, mandated by the Department of Health, leading to early identification of needs and provision of early

intervention, enhanced offer and early help through both single agency and wider multi-agency interventions.

- 6 The 0–19 service delivers universal support for families and has statutory public health contacts for all families. In addition to the universal support the service provides more targeted interventions to children young people and families who are assessed as being vulnerable.
- 7 The 0-19 Growing Healthy workforce is co-located within the Local Authority Family Centres and Hubs to ensure maximum collaboration opportunities and shared resources to meet the needs of families. This also includes close working with the MASH (multi agency safeguarding hub). HDFT have also significantly contributed to the CYP planning framework and are an active participant in strategic partnership boards such as the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Durham Safeguarding Children's partnership (DSCP).
- 8 The current 0-19 contract is due to end on 31st August 2020. In preparation for a full procurement exercise to be undertaken in early 2020 a review of the current service is being undertaken.
- 9 A multi-disciplinary board and steering group have been established to undertake the service review and manage the re-procurement process.
- 10 As part of the review process consultation is currently taking place with service users and other key stakeholders to ensure the new service is fit for purpose and reflects the needs of families, children and young people, parents/carers and school staff and other professionals.
- 11 Durham County Council (DCC) places a high priority on best start in life and improving health outcomes for children and families and based on the findings of the consultation and service review a revised service specification will be developed.
- 12 To reflect the local authority's duty to young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and care leavers and the direction of the NHS Long Term Plan move towards 0-25 services, the new service will be referred to as 0-25.
- 13 The presentation will cover the following areas:
 - National and local policies
 - Local need
 - Evidence base

- Current position
- Transformational change opportunities
- Identify how to ensure wellbeing principles are embedded

Conclusion

14 The presentation highlights the work of the 0-19 Growing Healthy service, service review and re-procurement process. Further updates will be provided when the revised service specification has been developed and service recommissioned.

Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

The mandated functions of the 0 – 19 service are a requirement of the 2012 health and social care act. Legal and procurement services are fully engaged in the service review and re-procurement process.

Finance

This contract is paid from within the public health ring fenced grant

Consultation

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Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

The 0–19 service aims to tackle inequalities and provide an equitable service meeting the universal and more targeted needs of families across County Durham. To reflect the local authority's duty to young people that are SEND and care leavers and the direction of the NHS Long Term Plan move towards 0-25 services, the new service will be referred to as 0-25.

Human Rights

Applied as appropriate within contract delivery

Crime and Disorder

Not applicable

Staffing

The service provider is responsible for managing staffing requirements.

Accommodation

Any accommodation issues will be considered within the service review

Risk

Current contract is delivering well with no risks identified. A full risk management process is considered within the re-procurement process.

Procurement

New contract to be in place by September 2020