

Annual update from Starting Well Partnership

Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny
Committee

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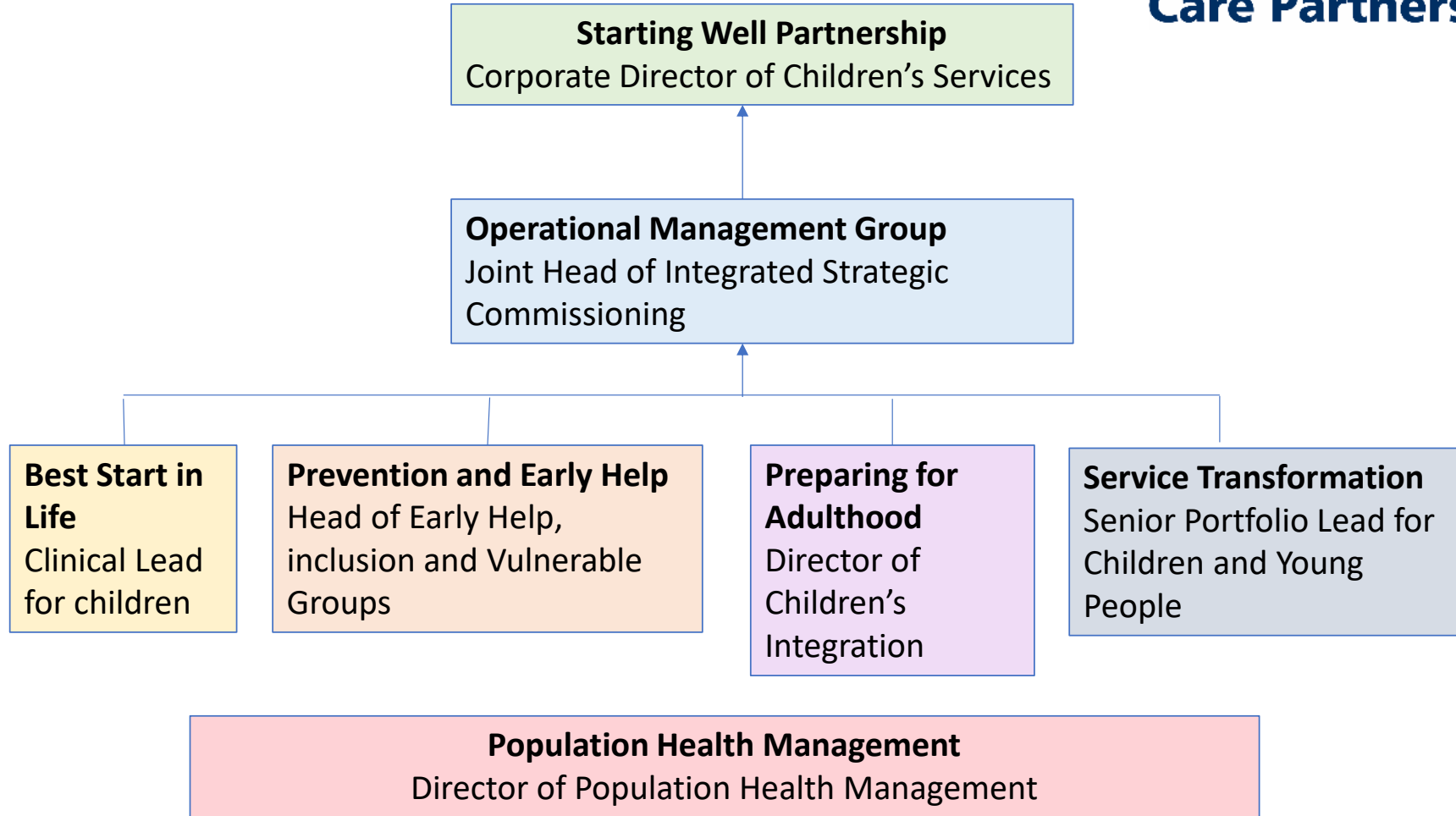
Who are the Starting Well Partnership?

- To work to improve pathways of care and activities for children and young people.
- Whole system working
- Recognising that we all impact on the lives of our children and young people



Growing Up in County Durham Strategy

System Operational Plan



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Updates from previous presentation

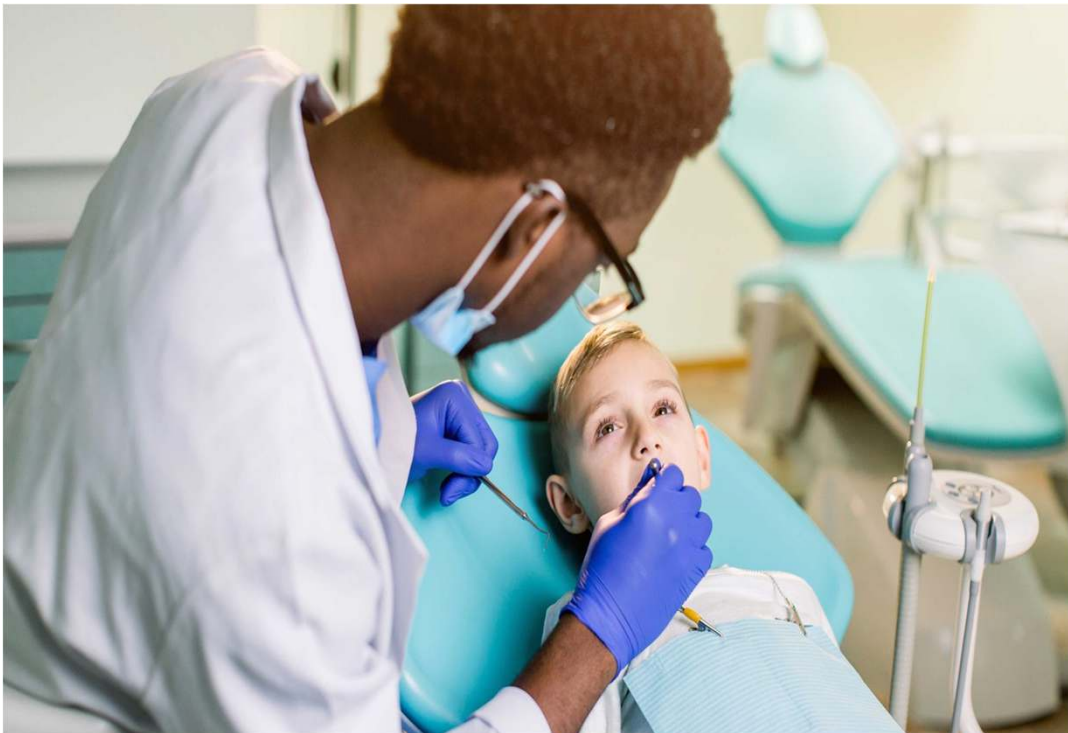
- COVID
 - Waiting times
 - Widening inequalities
- Maternity
 - Ockenden reports
 - Continuity of Carer
- Under 1's
 - Proportion of under 1's coming into care has reduced
- Growing Up in County Durham strategy
 - Approved and in delivery

Projects and programmes from 22/23



- Piloting integrated therapies in special schools
- PAUSE – secure longer term investment

Partnership Priorities for 23/24



- Mental Health
- Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children
- 'know your place'
- Preparation for adulthood
- Care Review response
- NHS dentistry

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Operational Management Group priorities for 23/24

- Delivery of GuiCD
- Service Transformation
- Best Start in Life
- Early Help and Prevention
- Preparation for adulthood



Ongoing projects and programmes

- Delivery of Sufficiency Strategy
- Supporting families with neurodivergent children and young people
- Family Hubs and Start For Life Programme
- Redesigning the Children's Community Nursing team
- Implementing & extending Personal Budgets and Direct payments
- Improvements to the short breaks offer

Key Challenges

- Increases in demand for services across the system and increases in complexity and acuity
- Resources across the system
- Workloads and staff capacity





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