

12 January 2015

**Refresh of the Children, Young People
and Families Plan 2015-18**

**Report of Rachael Shimmin, Corporate Director of Children and
Adults Services**

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update on the refresh of the Children, Young People and Families Plan (CYPFP) 2015-18.
2. A presentation will be provided at Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 12th January 2015.

Background

3. A new CYPFP was developed in 2014, following a review of membership, governance arrangements and priorities for the Children and Families Partnership.
4. The CYPFP is being refreshed for 2015-18 to ensure it is fit for purpose and continues to meet the needs of children and young people.
5. The refresh of the CYPFP 2015-18 includes updates on policy information, consultation and evidence from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Community Safety Strategic Assessment.
6. The CYPFP is also aligned to the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and both plans have a shared objective. There are a number of cross cutting issues such as self-harm, teenage conceptions and alcohol misuse by young people which will be dealt with jointly by the Children and Families Partnership and the Health and Wellbeing Board.
7. Consultation has taken place with key partners and organisations to inform the refresh of the CYPFP for 2015-18.
8. Consultation has also taken place with young people through Investing in Children reference groups and with young carers through The Bridge Young Carers Service.
9. The Health and Wellbeing Board hosted an engagement event in October 2014, which was attended by over 240 people. This included a workshop to look at health issues relating to children and young people. In preparation for this workshop young people produced a DVD which identified the following issues:

- Delivery of sex education in schools
- Risk taking behaviour including smoking, drinking, drugs and unprotected sex
- Places to go and things to do; access, availability, transport and costs
- Prevalence of self-harm in young people
- Emotional health and wellbeing/stress of young people

10. Feedback from this event has been taken into account in the refresh of the CYPFP for 2015-18.

Consultation

11. Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be asked the following questions as part of the consultation process:

- Are these the right strategic actions in the CYPFP?
- Are there any gaps in the strategic actions?
- Are these still the correct outcomes on which the CYPFP is built upon or do you think there are any changes required?

Next Steps

12. Following consultation responses, the refresh of the CYPFP 2015-18 will be presented to the Children and Families Partnership at its meeting in March 2015 for agreement.

Recommendations

13. Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee is requested to:

- Provide comments on the CYPFP to Andrea Petty, Strategic Manager, Policy, Planning and Partnerships by **30th January 2015**.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance - There are no financial implications.

Staffing - There are no staffing implications.

Risk – There are no risk implications

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.

Accommodation - There are no accommodation implications.

Crime and Disorder – The CYPFP is aligned with and contributes to the current priorities within the Youth Justice Plan and Safe Durham Partnership 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 Partnership.

Legal Implications – There are no legal implications.