

Children & Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee

24th February 2015

Summary of Minutes from Children and Families Partnership

15th December 2015



County Durham Children
and Families Partnership

Family Nurse Partnership

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust gave a presentation on the Family Nurse Partnership, which is a health-led preventative programme offered to first time mothers under the age of 20 years. The programme has three overarching aims, which are: to improve antenatal health; to improve child health and development and to improve economic self-sufficiency.

Transfer of 0-5 commissioning responsibilities

Public Health provided an update on the 0-5 commissioning responsibilities, which will transfer to local authorities from 1st October 2015. The update gave details on the current position, including both a local and national perspective and the governance arrangements for the transfer. Finances have been scrutinised as part of the planned transfer to the local authority.

Stronger Families Programme update

The Children and Families Partnership received an update on the Stronger Families programme, following a previous update to the partnership. The update outlined Phase 1 delivery and the plans for Phase 2 development.

The Stronger Families programme is required to 'turn around' 1,320 families by 31st March 2015. At the end of October 2014, the programme had identified / worked with 1,695 families and was successful in 'turning around' the lives of 932 families, equating to 70.6% of the target for March 2015.

Durham has been invited to be one of the 50 Early Starters for Phase 2, and to take part in the design and development of Phase 2 ready for national implementation in April 2015. It will be delivered over a 5 year time period, with Durham having 4,330 families to work with during this time.

The Children and Families Partnership will receive a further update report in March 2015.

Healthy Weight Strategic Framework

Public Health gave an update on the Healthy Weight Strategic Framework for County Durham, which has been developed by the County Durham Healthy Weight Alliance as a local response to 'Healthy Lives, Healthy People: A Call to Action on Obesity in England'.

The strategic framework was agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 5th November 2014. It aims to achieve a sustained upward trend in healthy weight for children, young people and adults in County Durham by 2020, and

is aligned to existing strategies including the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Sustainable Communities' Strategy, Cardiovascular Disease Delivery Framework, Sustainable Food Strategy, Physical Activity Strategy, School Food Action Plan, Children, Young People and Families Plan, North Durham and Durham Dales, Easington & Sedgfield Clinical Commissioning Group commissioning intentions.

It was agreed that further work needs to take place with 'whole family units' to address this issue.

The Healthy Weight Alliance will report to the Health and Wellbeing Board annually through the Director of Public Health County Durham.

CAMHS strategy

The 1-year interim CAMHS strategy was presented to the Children and Families. The 1-year interim strategy has been developed whilst more detailed work is undertaken to develop a three-year Children and Young People's Mental Health, Emotional Wellbeing and Resilience Plan commencing in 2016.

The interim strategy was ratified by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 5th November 2014. It includes details of the action plan, which has been developed with relevant stakeholders. The main focus is on re-affirming partnership and governance arrangements; refreshing the local needs assessment; consulting and engaging with children, young people and families and reviewing current services to inform the Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Plan.

Development of the interim strategy has been informed by national policy, the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and draws on previous reviews and feedback from children and young people. It aligns to the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, specifically in regard to improving the mental and physical wellbeing of the population.

Progress of SEND reforms and implementation in Durham

Following a report to the Children and Families Partnership meeting in March 2014, an update report was provided on the progress that has been made with the implementation of the SEND reforms in County Durham and the plans for the 2014/15 school year.

Significant progress has been made with all aspects of the SEND reforms in County Durham.

The Local Offer has been published on the Families Information Services website, providing information on the range of services available to support children and young people with SEND, as well as useful guidance for children, young people, parents and carers and professionals.

Transition arrangements have also been published on the Families Information Services website, and an Implementation Plan for 2014/15 has been finalised.

Reducing re-offending by young people in County Durham

County Durham Youth Offending Service provided an update to the Children and Families Partnership on County Durham Youth Offending Service's work to reduce re-offending by children and young people in County Durham. The report includes details of outcomes and impact, and outlines the key developments for 2014/15.

Between 2007/08 and 2013/14 there has been an 81.4% reduction in first time entrants.

Between 2010/11 and 2013/14 there has been a 47.7% reduction in the number of offences committed and a 50.5% reduction in the number of young people offending.

Current developments to further reduce re-offending, include:

- Improving communication and interventions with young people
- Putting victims, including young victims, and restorative justice at the heart of everything
- Targeting resources on young people who are committing the most offences
- Ensuring robust quality assurance processes, and a skilled management team are in place
- Ensuring young people and their families are listened and respond to
- Ensuring volunteering, by both adults and young people is a key component of the work undertaken with young people and victims.

The Children and Families Partnership will receive a further update in 12 months.

Refresh of the Children, Young People and Families Plan 2015-18 initial working draft

The Children and Families Partnership were presented with a draft of the Children, Young People and Families Plan (CYPFP) 2015-18 for comment.

A new CYPFP was developed in 2014, following a review of the membership, governance arrangements and priorities for the Children and Families Partnership. The CYPFP has been refreshed for 2015-18 to ensure it remains fit for purpose, continues to meet the needs of children and young people and is aligned to the Sustainable Community Strategy and Council Plan.

The 2015-18 refresh includes updates on policy information, consultation and evidence from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Community Safety Strategic Assessment.

Consultations have taken place with key partners and organisations to inform the refresh of the CYPFP for 2015-18, specifically with young people, young carers, partner organisations and Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Children and Young People Survey (Student Voice) 2015

An update was given on the work that has been undertaken with primary and secondary schools in relation to a children and young people's survey.

The Children and Families Partnership agreed to the secondary school survey being undertaken. The outcome of the survey will inform the CYPFP and other reviews and included school level information will be provided to schools.

Young People's Issues

The Children and Families Partnership received a presentation from staff and young people from Investing in Children (IIC) about the IIC membership award. The presentation gave an overview of what the award means, and highlighted good examples of IIC memberships in County Durham, which clearly demonstrate evidence of dialogue and change.

An open discussion took place around how the Children and Families Partnership can renew its IIC status. An action plan was agreed to progress the renewal.