

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Proposal for a new Children and Young People's Strategy for County Durham

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Purpose of the Report

- 1 To present members of the Health and Wellbeing Board with the vision, aims and objectives of the proposed new Children and Young People's strategy.

Background

- 2 Due to recent inspections and significant changes in context for children's delivery nationally and in Durham, a renewed Children and Young People's strategy is being developed to set the future direction and by doing so, ensure we are achieving the best possible outcomes for children, young people and their families.
- 3 The proposed vision of the strategy is that County Durham will be a great place for children and young people to grow up in and for Durham to be a place where all children are healthy, happy and achieving their potential. A key focus of the strategy will be to ensure the voice of children, young people and their families is listened to and acted upon.
- 4 To achieve this vision, the strategy proposes four key aims:
 - (a) All children and young people have a safe childhood
 - (b) Children and young people enjoy the best start in life, good health and emotional wellbeing
 - (c) Young people can access good quality education, training and local employment
 - (d) Achieve the best possible outcomes for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities
- 5 Some of the underpinning principles to support us in achieving the proposed aims and objectives will include participation and engagement of children, young people and families in service development and design, adopting a 'Think Family' approach, improving transitions between children's and adult services and tackling the effects of inequality.

Recommendations

6 The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

- Receive the presentation, and provide comment
- Ensure alignment of the aims to the refreshed Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – To be considered as the strategy develops

Staffing – To be considered as the strategy develops

Risk – To be considered as the strategy develops

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – To be considered as the strategy develops

Accommodation– NA

Crime and Disorder– To be considered as the strategy develops

Human Rights– To be considered as the strategy develops

Consultation– Consultation will take place with partners, children and families

Procurement– NA

Disability Issues– To be considered as the strategy develops

Legal Implications– To be considered as the strategy develops