

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSON'S
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

REPORT: **7.0**

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SUBJECT:	Child Poverty Action Plan
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1. **Purpose:**

For discussion and agreement for sign off

2. **Background/Context**

The Child Poverty Act received Royal Assent on 25th March 2010, at which point the national definition of child poverty was based on National Performance Indicator NI 116: The proportion of children living in poverty. At that time, the measure for child poverty was families with dependent children where the household income was less than sixty per cent of the national equivalized median; this equated to around £347 per week for a couple with two children.

More recent data produced at national level places more emphasis on the number of children age 0 - 15 living in households where at least one parent is in receipt of out of work benefits, whereas NI 116 includes families with children age 0 – 19 that are either in receipt of out of work benefits or tax credits as a result of low pay. Both datasets are still available.

A major concern regarding deprivation and poverty is the effect on children's health and development, for example, poor heating can affect the development of the brain in infants as the body's energy is channelled into trying to keep warm. This can affect the development of neural networks, leading to poor cognitive development, which ultimately impacts on education attainment. In many cases, this lack of early development has lifelong implications for attainment and the employment options.

A comprehensive needs assessment was carried out in 2011 to identify and

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benchmark Child Poverty issues within Lincolnshire. This informed the Child Poverty Strategy which was agreed on the action Plan presented.

The government are currently consulting on a new measure of Child Poverty which will encompass all the areas outlined within the Lincolnshire Child Poverty Action Plan rather than a simple measure of income. The National Indicator 116 will no longer be collected.

Lincolnshire is below the national statistics for Child poverty but there are significant differences around the County and areas of high Child Poverty have been identified. Partner agencies are already working in these areas and on specific projects to tackle many of these issues. The Action Plan will provide a collaborative tool by which to coordinate these efforts, Share Best practice, prevent duplication and enhance each organisations individual work to achieve the same outcomes.

3. Recommendation

1. The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership is asked to receive and consider this report.
2. The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership is invited to review the draft Child Poverty Action Plan and agree to support its implementation.
3. The CYPSP to agree to set up a sub group to review and monitor the delivery of the child action plan which involves all partnership organisations

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Strategic Theme	Action Ref	Action	Outcomes	Owner Team	Responsible Individual	Performance Measure/ Strategy Link
Governance	G1	Establish Governance arrangements with CYPSP including sign off of Action Plan and Child Poverty KPI's. Form Sub-Group of CYPSP chaired by Richard Wills LCC Lead on Child Poverty	Monitoring Performance and agreeing lead Officers & teams ensures Child Poverty strategy outcomes are realised	Children's Services	Meredith Teasdale	Sign off of Action Plan and agreement of Governance arrangements
Economic Poverty	E1	Develop Lincolnshire Economy to maximise well paid local employment opportunities	Reduced number of children in poverty by lifting family income above the CP income threshold Breaking the cycle of poverty	LCC Economic Development	Justin Brown	Lincolnshire Economic Strategy 2008-2012 "Turning the Corner"
Economic Poverty	E2	Baseline and minimise the number of parents in receipt of out of work / low income payments	Reduction in numbers of parents receiving out of work benefits. Families in receipt of benefits are more likely to register below the CP income threshold*	Job Centre Plus	Derrick Brown	Reduction in numbers of parents receiving out of work benefits

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Economic Poverty	E3	Ensure sufficient quality, quantity and affordability of Childcare	Appropriate childcare availability, makes employment more feasible for parents	CfBT - Birth to Five service	Steph Douglas	Childcare Sufficiency (under development)
Economic Poverty	E4	Baseline and minimise NEET cohort, increase apprenticeship options, places and take-up	The next generation are skilled and able to obtain well paid employment	CfBT - 14-19 Services Public Health	Keith Batty	reduction in NEET population PH 1.5 Worklessness as a social determinant of health - measure of NEET Population
Economic Poverty	E5	Develop appropriate guidance and signposting for Debt and Money Management advice	Proactive early advice for families to assist them to deal with debt problems can help lift them out of poverty	LCC Public Health Team ASC Team		TBC
Economic Poverty	E6	Increase the number of children living in decent, energy efficient housing that is affordable and meets their need	Increase access to affordable housing and reduce the proportion of homes in the county that fail to meet the Government's Decent Homes Standard			Lincolnshire Housing Strategy 2009-2014 "Delivering for Lincolnshire"

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Poverty of Access	A1	Reduce number of babies born with low birth weight.	Reduce those born with low birth weight as this impacts on early development and potentially limits future attainment than peers	LCC Public Health Team	Lynn McNiven	PH2.1 - measure of babies that are born under weight
Poverty of Access	A2	Increase immunisation rates of Children	Lack of immunisation leaves children exposed to disease which can significantly reduce their development and ultimately their life chances	LCC Public Health Team	Lynn McNiven	PH 3.3 -Rate of Immunisation take up (overall)
Poverty of Access	A3	Increase attainment at EYFS including Narrowing the gap	Strong academic achievement increases the probability of well paid employment Evidence base that pupils Eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) are more likely to have lower attainment than their peers	CFBT - Birth to five service	Steph Douglas	N1072 - Percentage achieving 78 points across the EYFS (with 6+ in the Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy scales Narrowing the Gap

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Poverty of Access	A4	Maximise attainment at KS4 Including Narrowing the gap for vulnerable groups	<p>Evidence base that LAC are more likely to have lower attainment than their peers</p> <p>Strong academic achievement increases the probability of well paid employment</p> <p>Evidence base that pupils Eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) are more likely to have lower attainment than their peers</p>	CfBT - 14-19 Services	Keith Batty	<p>NI075 - Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths</p> <p>NI102ii - Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers (KS4)</p> <p>NI101 - Looked after children achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at KS 4 (with English and Maths)</p>
Poverty of Access	A5	Maximise attainment at KS2 and KS3 including Narrowing the Gap between the free school meals group and their peers	<p>Strong academic achievement increases the probability of well paid employment</p> <p>Evidence base that pupils Eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) are more likely to have lower attainment than their peers</p>	CfBT - 14-19 Services	Tim Culpin	<p>NI073 - Achievement at level 4 or above in English and Maths at KS2 (Threshold)</p> <p>NI076 - Reduce number of schools where under 55%of pupils achieve Level 4 in KS2 Maths and English</p> <p>NI093 - Progression by 2 levels in English between KS1 and KS2</p> <p>NI094 - Progression by 2 levels in Maths between KS1 and KS2</p> <p>NI102i - Achievement Gap between pupils eligible for FSM and their peers at KS2</p>

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Poverty of Access	A6	Maximise the transport options available to individuals to enable them to access employment opportunities i.e. car share and various community incentives	People are able to access work opportunities away from their immediate home and therefore achieve sustainable employment.	Communities Directorate Highways Team	Richard Wills	LCC Highways Alliance
Poverty of Aspiration	AS1	Baseline and minimise the number of teenage pregnancies	Reduction in children born to teenage parents to reduce the risk of poor outcomes and teenage mothers may have low aspiration for themselves and family	LCC Public Health Team	Lynn McNiven	PH2.4 - Measure of the numbers of teenage Pregnancies
Poverty of Aspiration	AS2	Target provision of Early Years places for all 2 and 3 year olds that are considered to be the most disadvantaged based on the Government criteria	Increased development of disadvantaged 2 & 3 year olds to improve potentially limited life chances	CfBT - Birth to five service Public Health	Steph Douglas Lynn McNiven	TBC PH1.2 - School Readiness

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Poverty of Aspiration	AS3	Reduce young people's involvement with crime	Preventing children becoming involved with crime will help improve their overall life chances	Lincolnshire Youth Offending Service	Jo Kavanagh?	NI111 Lincolnshire Youth Offending Service - Service Plan 2012 - 2015
Poverty of Aspiration	AS4	Reduce the number of permanent exclusions from Lincolnshire schools and academies	Evidence base that children excluded from school have higher risk of poor attainment than their peers. By reducing this number - will increase the attainment of these children	CFBT School Services	Phil Whitworth	NI114 - Rate of permanent exclusions from school
Poverty of Aspiration	AS5	Reduce the number of Troubled Families in Lincolnshire	Evidence that the life chances of children living within 'Troubled Families' are significantly below their peers, therefore increasing life chances for children within these targeted families	Families Working Together/ Troubled Families	Alison Poxon	"Families Working Together" community budget pilot
Poverty of Aspiration	AS6	Roll out Triple P parenting training to Children's Services practitioners.	Evidence that poor parenting can reduce children's life chances, So increasing the opportunities of children within families that receive this support	LCC Children's Services	Damien Elcock Roy Choudhury	LCC 'Early Intervention & Prevention' Strategy

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Best Use of Resources	BR1	Complete Child Poverty Resource Analysis and make recommendations for improved co-ordination of commissioning	Improved use of resources will assist improved outcomes	LCC Children's Finance Team LCC Commissioning Team	Justin Hackney	Analysis of existing services supporting CP agenda Review of 13/14 funding Propose integrated commissioning recommendations
Best Use of Resources	BR2	Maintain and develop the information resource dedicated to child poverty to facilitate the sharing of good practice using the Lincolnshire Research Observatory.	Improved use of resources will assist improved outcomes	LCC Children's Commissioning Team	Justin Hackney	LCC Child Poverty Strategy
Best Use of Resources	BR3	Development of Positive Activities for vulnerable children across Lincolnshire with particular attention in areas of high poverty	Encouraging entrepreneurship in young people may enhance future well paid employment	LCC Children's Services Participation Team	Colin Hopkirk	CYPSP Participation Strategy & Charter

This is the draft action plan. Ahead of the Welfare Reforms Act this plan needs to be implemented, with a dedicated sub group to monitor its effect, holding its members accountable where appropriate. Appropriate time scales and nominated individuals to be suggested by the CYPSP members.

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