

Update for Health and Well Being Board on behalf of the Children and Young People Strategic Partnership

Background

On 23rd January 2013, the Executive Director of Children's Services, on behalf of the Children and Young People Strategic Partnership presented a paper titled "Children and Young People's Health Outcomes Forum". This report outlined a number of recommendations for the Health and Well Being Board to consider to ensure that Lincolnshire has effective strategic arrangements in place to co-ordinate the contributions made to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for children and young people

A short task and finish group was established and this report outlines the recommendations of this task and finish group to ensure partners work together to jointly assess need, plan, and co-ordinate the commissioning of provision to create high quality pathways of support for children and young people

Key Success factors

All members of the task group agreed the following core standards and confirmed their commitment to consistently applying the standards set out below:

- Commissioning should be informed by active engagement with children, young people and their families
- Commissioning must be planned and co-ordinated across a spectrum of children's health, education and social care needs with key transitions from maternity and into wider adult services
- Commissioning plans are aligned and informed through the joint strategic needs assessment and the joint health and wellbeing strategy
- There is clear accountability within all commissioning and delivery organisations
- Commissioners have effective access to clinical expertise on children's outcomes
- Commissioning plans are focused on outcomes for individuals which consider the needs of the family and the context in which children and young people live including the need to support them in learning
- Commissioners include that services are provided in age appropriate settings using standards like "You're Welcome "
- There is clarity on the available funding and resources to meet the needs of children and young people across all commissioners
- Commissioners understand the whole life course and impact of health and wellbeing in childhood particularly in the early years
- The needs of the vulnerable or at risk groups are considered and provision made

Actions required to achieve effective commissioning

In order to achieve the above standards, the following actions needs to be agreed and implemented:

- The Health and Well Being Board has effective links with the Children’s Trust to ensure cohesive governance and leadership
 - Terms of Reference of CYPSP to be revised to reflect that it will be an established sub group of the Health and Well Being Board
 - Membership of CYPSP to be revised to ensure effective representation especially across the clinical Commissioning Groups and Schools
 - Terms of Reference of CYPSP to be revised to reaffirm the partnership as the primary commissioning forum for children’s outcomes
 - CYPSP will continue to publish a Children and Young People’s Plan which incorporates the priorities of the Health and Well Being Strategy reflecting the outcomes of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

- The Health and Well Being Board will have an agreed process to ensure children’s issues receive sufficient focus
 - CYPSP will provide a 6 monthly partnership progress report, outlining performance / achievements and areas of required focus to the Health and Well Being Board
 - CYPSP will provide ad hoc reporting as priorities determine
 - Health and Well Being Board can request CYPSP to establish task and finish groups to undertake actions in line with service priorities and performance outcomes
 - The Health and Well Being Board will be a formal consultee of the Children and Young People’s Plan and the CYPSP will be a formal consultee of the Health and Well Being Strategy

- The Health and Well Being Board will contribute to the defining of an early help offer for children and young people
 - Lincolnshire’s early help offer will be formally consulted upon and approved by the Health and Well Being Board. CYPSP will lead on its development
 - The Health and Well Being Board will confirm its commitment that all commissioning and delivery plans prioritise “Team Around the Child “ processes as Lincolnshire’s agreed mechanism for co-ordinating the delivery of early help

- The Health and Well Being Board will ensure that there are effective mechanisms for listening to the views of children, young people and their families
 - The Health and Well Being Board will utilise the same mechanisms for listening to the views of children, young people and families and will maximise further opportunities through an agreed process with Health watch

Successes

Reviewing the recommendations of the Children and Young People Health Outcome Forum, the task and finish group considered that there had been significant progress made in the strategic relationship between the Health and Well Being Board and the CYPSP. These include:

- The Joint Strategic Needs assessment and the Health and Well Being Strategy jointly reflect the analysis and prioritises for the health and wellbeing of children and young people in the County
- There is a commitment to the “Team Around the Child” as the agreed mechanism for co-ordinating early help to families
- Children Centres and schools are maximised to deliver a range of family focused services. Further work is needed to ensure that public assets are maximised to ensure age appropriate settings are consistently used to improve health outcomes

The Health and Well Being Board is asked to comment on the progress of this task and finish group and support the implementation of the above recommendations

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