

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of Debbie Barnes, Executive Director of Children's Services

Report to	Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	10 December 2013
Subject:	The Lincolnshire Children and Young People's Plan

Summary:

The Lincolnshire Children & Young People's Plan is the strategic plan for those services which support children and young people in the county of Lincolnshire.

The vision is, *"That every child in every part of the County should achieve their potential"*

The Lincolnshire Children & Young People's Plan shows how the local authority and all of its relevant partners will work collaboratively and in partnership to; improve Outcomes and the wellbeing of every child, young person and family in Lincolnshire.

The Plan is based on evidence taken from past performance, needs assessments, consultation with local children and families and agreed priorities between partners.

It sets the clear direction for the Lincolnshire Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership for the next 3 years.

In April 2013 the Strategic Partnership came together to agree four strategic outcomes. The Partnership identified the 4 Strategic Outcomes to correspond with the Child's journey and transition into adulthood.

- Children and Young People are; **Healthy and Safe**
- Children and Young People; **Develop to their potential in their early years and are ready for school**
- Children and Young People; **Learn and Achieve**

- Children and Young People are; **Ready for Adult Life**

The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership recognise that at various points in a child's life, they will require additional help and support. This is what we describe as our Early Help Offer. We also believe Early Intervention and Prevention is an effective way to safeguard children and young people.

More information pertaining to the Lincolnshire Early Help Offer and Early Help Strategy can be found at; <http://microsites.lincolnshire.gov.uk/children/partners/cypsp/action-groups/early-help-offer/>

Actions Required:

That the Children and Young People's Plan 2013 -16 is duly noted.

1. Background

The statutory duty to produce a Children and Young People's Plan was revoked in October 2010 and local areas are no longer required to produce a plan.

Local partnerships are now free to publish their own strategic plan as they see fit and there is no prescribed format, timings or requirements on who to consult during the preparation of the plan. Relevant partners are not under any formal duty to 'have regard' to any voluntary plan.

Relevant partners, under section 10 of the Children Act 2004 continue to be:

- District councils
- Strategic health authorities
- Primary Care Trusts
- Youth offending teams
- Police
- Probation services
- Persons providing 'Connexions' services in pursuance of section 68 of the Education and Skills Act 2008
- Jobcentre Plus
- Maintained schools
- FE and sixth-form colleges
- Non-maintained special schools
- Academies, city technology colleges and city colleges for the technology of arts
- NHS Commissioning Board
- Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's)

However, the Children's Trusts' duty to cooperate remains in force and Local Children's Trust arrangements are still underpinned by the 'duty to cooperate' under section 10 of

the Children Act 2004 and there are currently no plans to repeal this duty. But there is now greater flexibility in how local partners may implement it.

The Government had planned to remove schools and colleges from the 'duty to cooperate' in 2011 but was persuaded to retain the duty while interested parties work through how best to implement the reforms outlined in the Children and Families Bill.

2. Conclusion

That the Children and Young People's Plan 2013 -16 is duly noted.

3. Consultation

Consultation took the form of co-production. The key priorities, Strategic outcomes and governance arrangements were developed and agreed over the course of 5 CYPSP Meetings, including two bespoke Development Days, between February 2013 and October 2013.

Throughout the same time period a range of events and activities took place with a diverse range of Children and young across Lincolnshire to ensure the plan was informed by and reflected their experiences and aspirations.

In addition, two bespoke sessions on the issue of Bullying were facilitated through the Lincolnshire Participation Action Group (LPAG).

Some of this work is captured on a series of short films which can be viewed on www.lincolnshirechildren.net

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	The Lincolnshire Children and Young People's Plan Executive Summary

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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