

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018****REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES****LEICESTERSHIRE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2018 - 2021****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to present the draft Children and Families Plan for 2018 – 2021 for approval.

**Link to the Local Health and Care System**

2. The Children and Families Partnership plan is aligned the Strategic Plan and Children and Families Departmental Plan and focuses on the added value of approaching strategic priorities in across the Partnership to ensure consistent communication and service delivery to Children and Families.

**Recommendation**

3. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to approve the draft Children and Families Partnership Plan 2018 -21.

**Policy Framework and Previous Decisions**

4. In November 2016 the Health and Wellbeing Board approved the terms of reference for a Children and Families Partnership to replace the Supporting Leicestershire Families Executive as a subgroup of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The expanded remit included oversight of how the priorities for children and families as set out in the draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, are delivered.
5. In September 2017 the Health and Wellbeing Board approved proposals by the Children and Families Partnership for minor amendments to the wording of the outcomes in the draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy that related to children and young people to:
  - Ensure the best start in life
  - Safe and free from harm
  - Support families to be self-sufficient and resilient
  - Ensure vulnerable families receive personalised, integrated care and support
  - Enable children to have good physical and mental health

**Background**

6. The Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership is a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board and is made up of the key organisations that work

with children, young people and their families across Leicestershire, such as education, health, police and social care.

7. The purpose of the Children and Families Partnership is to champion effective partnership working, so that together it has shared priorities and delivers outcomes that make a real difference to the lives of children and young people. By working together it can also maximise partnership resources and expertise across the public and voluntary sector, be more coordinated in the services provided, and avoid waste or duplication of effort.

#### The Children and Families Partnership Plan 2018 - 2021

8. The Children and Families Partnership Plan is a strategic document which sets out the shared vision for children, young people and their families and the priority outcomes that need to be improved. The Plan is not intended to be a detailed description of the individual work of each partner, but rather a summary of key areas of work that are best delivered together in order to have the biggest impact on the lives of children and young people.
9. The Partnership have adopted the five supporting outcomes of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy relating to children and young people as the priority areas for the Plan:
  - *Ensure the best start in life*– by developing an integrated early years pathway which ensures needs are assessed to enable appropriate interventions are offered and the development of a communication strategy to promote the 1001 critical days;
  - *Keep children safe and free from harm* – by developing and embedding an integrated model of services to prevent harm to children and young people and make children safe by raising awareness of universal safety messages;
  - *Support children and families to be resilient* - by developing an integrated approach to family resilience and self-sufficiency, provide joined up information and guidance to enable families to be self-sufficient and navigate services and support families to progress towards work;
  - *Ensure venerable families receive personalised, integrated care and support* – by providing integrated, outcome-based, high quality, cost-effective provision and developing a post-16 multi-agency delivery model;
  - *Enable children to have good physical and mental health* - by developing a whole system approach based on 'Making obesity everyone's business' and developing a partnership approach to emotional and mental wellbeing.
10. The Partnership has identified three key enablers to the successful delivery of the Plan;
  - co-production with children and young people
  - integrated commissioning
  - outcomes based delivery plans

11. The Partnership has also identified two cross cutting actions to underpin the Plan;
- cross-partnership communications plan
  - cross-partnership workforce development
12. A priority lead has been identified for each priority and has been tasked with working with partners and other key stakeholders to identify key areas for action and suitable actions to deliver against each outcome.
13. The Partnership will adopt an outcomes based approach to delivery, planning and assessing performance and impact, leading to a focus on the outcomes which services are intending to achieve. The Partnership has listened to the voice of children and young people during the development of the Plan and taken into consideration the key themes for Leicestershire emerging from the Make Your Mark 2017 national youth ballot and through on-going engagement activities, details of which can be found in Appendix B.
14. It is proposed to share a “priorities on a page” poster internally across partner organisations before an official launch of the plan in September 2018.
15. The Partnership will provide a progress report to the Health and Wellbeing Board every six months.

### **Resource Implications**

16. Resources are in place through the Children and Families Service until October 2019 to fund a post to support the Children and Families Partnership. The on-going sustainability of this approach will need to be considered moving forward.

### **Timetable for Decisions**

17. Subject to approval of the Plan by the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Plan will be presented to the County Council’s Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> June before being presented to its Cabinet for approval on the 12 June. Subject to approval, the Plan will then be presented to partner governance structures as necessary. It is intended that a launch event of the plan will take place in September 2018.

### **Background papers**

18. Report to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 7 July 2016, Terms of Reference for the Supporting Leicestershire Families Executive  
<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/documents/s120533/SLF%20Executive%20ToR.pdf>

### **Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure**

19. None.

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### **List of Appendices**

Appendix A – Draft Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership Plan 2018-2021

Appendix B – Consultation with Children and Young People on Leicestershire’s Children and Families Partnership Plan 2018-21: Summary Report

### **Relevant Impact Assessments**

#### **Equality and Human Rights Implications**

20. The Partnership has an interest in ensuring that there are effective arrangements in place so that the services provided meet the identified needs of local people. An EHIRA is being carried out in relation to the impacts of the Plan.