



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
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DRAFT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2018/21

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
SERVICES

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to present the draft Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership Plan 2018/21 (attached as Appendix A to the report) to allow the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider and comment on this document.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

2. In November 2016 the Health and Wellbeing Board approved the terms of reference of the Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership. This was established as a subgroup of the Health and Wellbeing Board, replacing the Supporting Leicestershire Families Executive with an expanded remit to include oversight of delivery of all the priorities for children and families as set out in the draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Background

3. The Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership is made up of the key organisations that work with children, young people and their families across Leicestershire, including Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Police, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, NHS health partners, District and Borough Councils, Schools, Probation Service, Department of Work and Pensions and the voluntary sector.
4. Its purpose is to champion effective partnership working, so that there are shared priorities and partners deliver outcomes that make a real difference to the lives of children and young people.
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 Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy that related to children and young people to:

- Ensure the best start in life
 - Keep children safe and free from harm
 - Support children and families to be resilient
 - Ensure vulnerable families receive personalised, integrated care and support
 - Enable children to have good physical and mental health
6. The Partnership will ensure that these outcomes are implemented. The Children and Families Partnership Plan will be the delivery mechanism for enabling a wider partnership focus for activity that contributes to these outcomes.
7. The Children and Families Partnership Plan is a strategic document which will set out the shared vision for children, young people and their families and the priorities that need to be achieved. 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.
8. The Partnership has 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 vulnerable 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.

9. The Partnership has identified three key enablers to the successful delivery of the Plan:
 - co-production with children and young people
 - outcomes based delivery plans
 - integrated commissioning
10. The Partnership has also identified two cross cutting actions to underpin the Plan:
 - cross-partnership communications plan
 - cross-partnership workforce development
11. A lead has been identified for each priority and they have been working with partners in thematic groups to identify key priorities and actions to deliver against each priority. A detailed delivery plan for each of the priority areas will be developed by the leads in partnership with other key stakeholders. The Partnership will provide a progress report to the Health and Wellbeing Board every six months.
12. It is the intention to launch the Children and Families Partnership Plan in September 2018.

Proposals/Options

13. The draft Plan document was considered by the Children and Families Partnership at its meeting on 9 May 2018, and was also presented at the Health and Wellbeing Board on 24 May. The Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to comment on the draft Plan prior to it being presented to the meeting of the Cabinet on 12 June.

Consultation

14. Consultation has been undertaken with children and young people to explore their views on the five priority areas of the draft Children and Families Partnership Plan. The consultation, which took place between January and March 2018, included reviewing existing feedback from children and young people and carrying out additional direct engagement with targeted cohorts through focus groups and community events. Further face to face consultation was carried out with children, young people and their parents/carers at three VOICE “marketplace” events. Consideration was also given to the key themes for Leicestershire emerging from the Make Your Mark 2017 national youth ballot (details of which can be found in Appendix B).
15. Feedback from the consultation with children and young people will be incorporated into the development of the Children and Families Partnership Plan.

Resource Implications

16. Resources are in place 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. The draft Plan was considered by the Children and Families Partnership at its meeting on 9 May 2018, and presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 24 May. Any views expressed at this meeting will feed into the Cabinet at its meeting on 12 June. Subject to approval, the Plan will then be presented to partner governance structures as necessary. It is intended to then officially launch the Plan in September 2018.

Conclusion

18. The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the draft Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership Plan.

Background papers

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>

Report to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 16 November 2017, Actions Taken by the Chief Executive between Meetings

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/documents/s133202/Action%20taken%20by%20CE.pdf>

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19. None

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List of Appendices

Appendix A: Children and Families Partnership Plan

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

Equality and Human Rights Implications

20. There are no specific equality or human rights implications arising from this report. 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 children, young people and families. An EHRIA is being carried out.

Partnership Working and Associated Issues

21. The purpose of the Plan is to improve outcomes for children and young people and their families and to use partnership resources as effectively as possible.

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