



## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD – 29 FEBRUARY 2024**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

#### **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP PLAN REFRESH FOR 2024 - 2026**

##### **Purpose of report**

1. The purpose of this report is to present the refreshed Children and Families Partnership Plan 2024 to 2026 to the Health and Wellbeing Board for approval.

##### **Recommendation**

2. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to approve the refreshed Children and Families Partnership Plan 2024 to 2026.

##### **Policy Framework and Previous Decision**

3. Leicestershire's Children and Families Partnership was established in 2018 to champion effective partnership working on shared outcomes and priorities that make a real difference to the lives of children and young people. The Partnership is a sub-group of Leicestershire's Health and Wellbeing Board and is responsible for the delivery of a Children and Families Partnership Plan, addressing priorities identified in the Best Start for Life chapter of Leicestershire's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
4. In May 2018, the Health and Wellbeing Board approved the first Children and Families Partnership Plan for 2018 - 21.

##### **Background**

5. The Partnership is made up of the key organisations that work with children, young people and their families across Leicestershire and includes representatives from:
  - a. Leicestershire County Council
  - b. District and Borough Councils,
  - c. Leicestershire Police,
  - d. Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner,
  - e. Health, (ICB, LPT, UHL)
  - f. Schools,
  - g. Probation Service,
  - h. Department of Work and Pensions

i. Voluntary Sector.

By working together, the Partnership aims to maximise resources and expertise, be more co-ordinated in the services provided and avoid duplication of effort to achieve the best outcomes for children and families.

6. The work of the Leicestershire Education Excellence Partnership, Leicestershire SEND and Inclusion Board, Youth and Justice Partnership Board, the Early Help Partnership and the Integrated Care System Children's Design Group is strategically aligned to the Children and Families Partnership, providing regular update reports on progress.
7. Young people from the County Youth Council for Leicestershire and Members of Youth Parliament for Leicestershire attend Partnership meetings bi-annually. This is to enable them to have direct dialogue with strategic managers and to provide updates on projects and campaigns they are involved in.
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 a detailed description of the individual work of each partner against the identified priority areas, but rather a summary of key areas of work that are best delivered together to have the biggest impact on the lives of children and young people.
9. The Partnership Plan was refreshed by the Children and Families Partnership in 2023 and, based on an understanding of the data and the needs of Leicestershire's children and families, it was agreed that the existing five priority areas remained relevant and well-aligned to the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities for Best Start for Life. Therefore, the focus of the refreshed Partnership Plan should remain on identifying and delivering actions under these priorities, where improved partnership working would add value. The five priorities of the Partnership Plan are:
  - i. Ensure the best start for life (early years)
  - ii. Keep children safe and free from harm
  - iii. Support children and families to be resilient (early help)
  - iv. Ensure vulnerable families receive personalised, integrated care and support
  - v. Enable children to have good physical, emotional and mental health

An overview of the refreshed Partnership Plan for 2024 to 26 is provided in the appendices to this document.

10. The Children and Families Partnership Plan 2024 to 2026 continues to be for all the children and young people living in Leicestershire and their families and sets out high-level priorities for the Children and Families Partnership for the next two years. The refreshed Partnership Plan builds on the work undertaken under the previous Partnership Plan covering 2021 to 2023. It is intended to launch the refreshed Partnership Plan in April 2024.

11. The Partnership Plan remains a long-term ambition, and the identified priorities will require a medium to long term strategic approach and system change to achieve. Progress against the Partnership Plan will continue to be monitored closely by the Children and Families Partnership and a review will be undertaken annually to ensure that the Partnership Plan remains relevant, dynamic, and aligned with local and national priorities.

### **Background Papers**

Report to the Health and Wellbeing Board, 24 May 2018 – Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership Plan 2018/21 -  
<https://democracy.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=1038&MIId=5298&Ver=4>

### **Appendix**

Children and Families Partnership Plan 2024 to 2026

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## **Relevant Impact Assessments**

### **Equality Implications**

12. There are no equality implications arising from the recommendations in this report. The Plan would seek to have a positive impact overall and would not have an adverse effect on any section of the community.

### **Human Rights Implications**

13. There are no human rights implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

### **Partnership Working and associated issues**

14. Delivery of the Plan will require on-going, effective working relationships with a range of partners including but not limited to Leicestershire County Council, district councils, Health, Police, Leicester City and Rutland Councils and the voluntary and community sector.

