



# Health and Wellbeing Board

## 8 January 2014

<b>Report title</b>	Children, Young People & Families Plan 2014	
<b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Val Gibson Children and Young People	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All	
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>	None	

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### **Recommendation(s) for action or decision:**

The Board is recommended to:

1. Note the approach being taken and progress made in developing the Children, Young People and Families Plan and forward comments to the Cabinet Member for Children and Families and the Acting Commissioning Manager, Children and Young People and Families.

## 1. Purpose

1.1. The purpose of this report is to give Board an opportunity to consider the development process and work undertaken so far in relation to the new Children, Young People and Families Plan, which will be published in 2014.

## 2. Background

2.1. The Wolverhampton Children and Young People's Plan was launched in 2011 and will end in 2014. The development of the new plan has started. The new plan will be launched in 2014.

2.2. The current plan includes the following principles:

- A commitment that children, young people and families are at the heart of everything we do
- A renewed commitment to partnership working and to supporting the wider regeneration of the city
- A commitment that all staff have the right skills to do their jobs
- A commitment to fairness and equity for all children, young people and families

2.3. The current plan includes the following priorities:

- Embedding prevention and early intervention
- Working with families
- Reducing child poverty and its impact
- Narrowing the gap
- Maximise the safety of all, especially the most vulnerable
- Celebrating the achievements of young people and giving them greater opportunities to develop as individuals and shape services to meet their needs

2.4. Progress against delivery of the new plan is routinely monitored and reported to the Children's Trust Delivery Board. Information gathered through monitoring performance against the current plan has been used as part of a broad suite of data to inform the priorities for the new plan.

2.5. The new plan will aim to:

- Understand the needs of Children, Young People and Families in Wolverhampton
- Identify the priorities that need to be addressed in relation to Children, Young People and Families in Wolverhampton
- Deliver improved outcomes for Children, Young People and Families in Wolverhampton in line with the priorities identified

### 3. Development process & scope

#### 3.1. Governance & Partnerships

Whilst the Children's Trust Board oversees the development of the new plan, a multi-agency task and finish group has been set up to co-ordinate its development. This development group includes representatives from Wolverhampton City Council (Children, Young People & Family services, Public Health, Schools Skills & Learning, All age commissioning for disability/mental health), Wolverhampton Schools Improvement Partnership, Voluntary Sector, Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals Trust, West Midlands Police and Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group. The development group regularly reports progress on the development of the plan to the Children's Trust Delivery Board.

#### 3.2. Timescales

The table below shows when key activities will need to be completed by, so the plan will be launched in 2014.

Children, Young People and Families Plan 2014 Key Milestones		
Key Milestone	Completion Date	Progress
Review of achievement to date against Children & Young People's Plan 2011-2014 to date	28.03.2013	Complete
Collection and analysis of existing needs data	30.04.2013	Complete
Collection and analysis of new needs data	30.06.2013	Complete
Phase 1 Consultation : Development of vision & priorities	31.07.2013	Complete
Phase 2 Consultation : Informing the Plan's Strategic Framework	31.11.2013	Complete
Developing the Plan's Strategic Framework	31.01.2014	Underway
Phase 3 Consultation : Challenging the Plan's Strategic Framework	30.04.2014	Due to start 06.02.2014
Approval of final Plan	31.05.2014	Specific date to be agreed
Monitoring of delivery of the Plan	From 01.06.2014	Due to start 01.06.2014

#### 3.3. Duration

It is proposed that the new plan has duration of 10 years, with short (2 year), medium (5 year) and long term (10 year) goals. This proposed longer timescale reflects the high-level outcomes which the plan will aim to deliver. The impact against such outcomes cannot easily be measured across a short amount of time.

#### 3.4. Age Range

It is proposed that the age range of the strategy includes households who are expecting a baby or have a child up to 19 years of age. Some of the related strategies which will contribute to the delivery of this plan may cover a different age range. For example, the strategy for disabled children includes those up to the age of 25 years.

#### 4. Progress to date

- 4.1. Data analysts from across the city have compiled and analysed data in relation to Children, Young People and Families to inform the new Children, Young People and Families plan. The information compiled and analysed is available at [www.wolverhamptoninprofile.org.uk](http://www.wolverhamptoninprofile.org.uk). In undertaking this data analysis it was important to consider information from a wide range of sources. This information was then used to identify some key areas that, if addressed, would have a significant impact on the wellbeing of Children, Young People and Families across the city.
- 4.2. The emerging priorities from this work were shared with the Children, Young People & Families Plan Development Group, Children's Trust Delivery Board, Wellbeing & Resilience Board, Early Intervention Board, Children, Young People & Families Management Team and wider Children & Families workers to confirm their relevance and identify any further potential priorities. From this work, four priorities have been identified as well as an overarching vision to be addressed through the new Children, Young People and Families Plan (CYPFP). Further detail about the consultation process is given below.
- 4.3. *Phase 1 consultation : development of vision and priorities*  
The information analysis identified 6 potential areas of priority to be addressed through the new CYPFP. These were:
- Child Poverty
  - Childhood Obesity
  - Infant Mortality
  - Looked After Children
  - Education and Training Standards, Attendance & Achievement
  - 'Toxic Trio' of Mental Health, Substance Misuse and Domestic Violence within families
- 4.4. Through consultation with a broad range of professional stakeholders, these were further refined into four priorities:
- Reduce the harm caused by child poverty
  - Increase achievement and involvement in education, training and employment
  - Make families stronger (this links to priorities identified around LAC and 'Toxic Trio')
  - Improve the health of children, young people and their families (this links to priorities identified around infant mortality, childhood obesity and some element of 'Toxic Trio')
- 4.5. Professional stakeholders also used the information gathered to develop the overarching vision for the strategy as 'Healthy, Happy Families', which reflects the priorities identified.
- 4.6. *Phase 2 consultation : informing the implementation plan*  
This phase of consultation aimed to gain a broad range of views in relation to how each of the priorities should be addressed. The results of the consultation are currently being considered by the development group and will help to shape the Plan's strategic framework. The strategic frame will itself then be subject to further consultation which will seek to challenge the proposals before they are finalised.

- 4.7. Different consultation formats were produced in order to ensure they the process was accessible for the different audiences being consulted. The consultation questions were shared with a wide range of stakeholders, including professional stakeholders and service users/potential service users.

## **5. Next Steps**

- 5.1 Taking account of the feedback received during phase 2 consultation, the development group is in the process of developing the Plan's strategic framework which will identify Key goals, performance measures/targets as well as cross referencing action to existing strategies and policies. The strategic framework aims to identify areas where the Plan can bring added value to existing activity as well as identifying gaps in current activity and seeking to address them. The Plan's strategic framework will then be subject to challenge through Phase 3 consultation. Once all 3 consultation phases are complete the Children, Young People and Families Plan vision, priorities, strategic framework and performance/monitoring framework will be finalised for approval.

## **6. Financial implications**

- 6.1. There are no direct financial implications associated with the development of the Children, Young People & Families Plan. However, there will be financial implications in delivering the plan. These implications will be identified once the detail of the plan is developed and will be the subject of a further report in the future.
- 6.2. Children's Trust Board Partners are experiencing significant financial challenges. The aim of the plan is to enable prioritisation of resources in order to achieve shared aims.
- 6.3. The costs of delivering consultation activities will be met through existing resources.
- 6.4. The cost of publishing the plan is anticipated to be minimal as it will be published electronically with limited paper copy summaries and will be met through existing resources.

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## **7. Legal implications**

- 7.1. The Children & Young People's Plan is no longer a statutory document but partner agencies will need to demonstrate how their work contributes to achieve its aims.

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## **8. Equalities implications**

- 8.1. Any equal opportunities implications will be considered throughout the development and implementation of the Children, Young People & Families Plan through an equalities analysis.

## **9. Environmental implications**

- 9.1. There are no anticipated environmental implications associated with the Children, Young People and Families Plan.