

# HeadStart Sustainability

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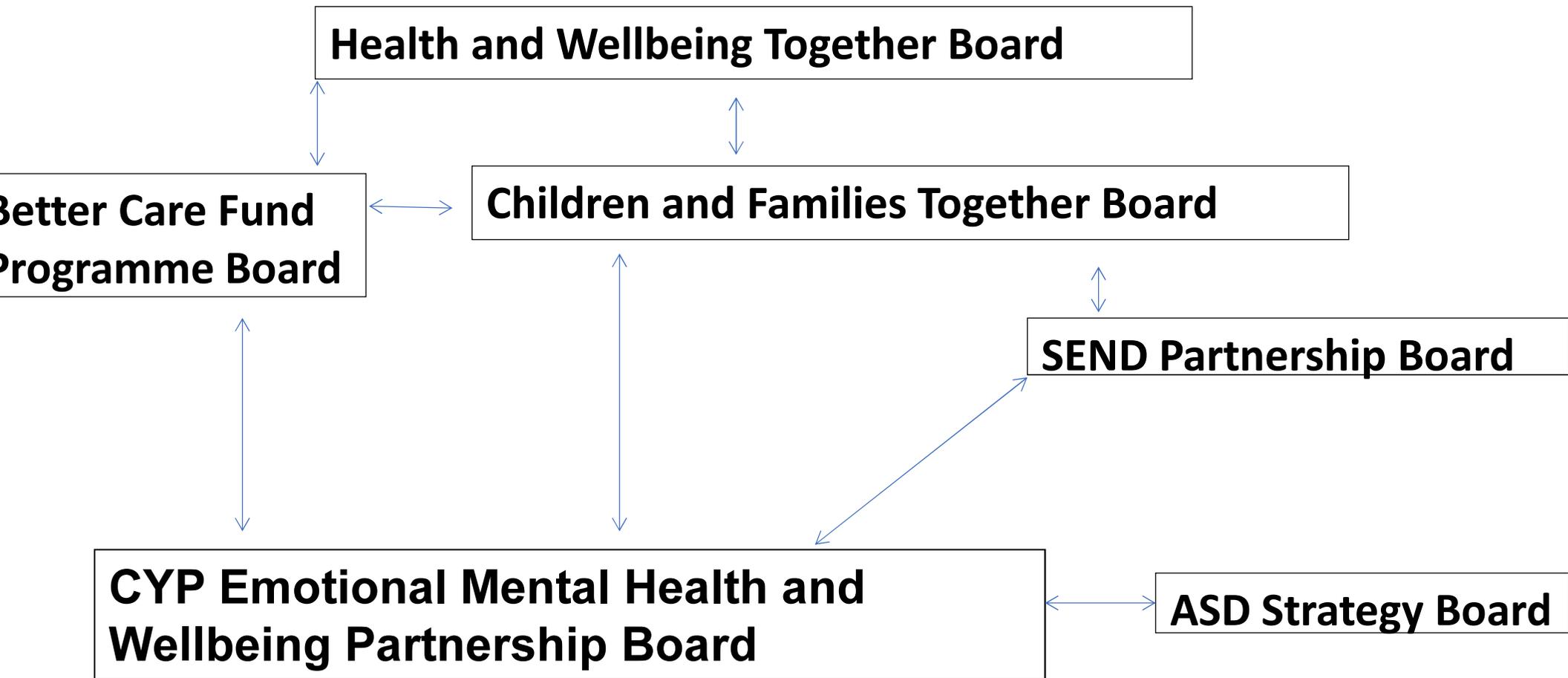
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# Structures

- HeadStart Partnership Board merged with the CYP Emotional Mental Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board (formerly CAMHS transformation board).

- *So what for learn and embed?*

- HeadStart priorities and learning will continue beyond July 2021 through the Board which has strategic oversight on mental health across the City and oversees the implementation of the transformation plan.



# Sustainability Priority Themes

- Co Production
- Community
- School Support
- Workforce
- Parenting

# Co Production

- Co-Production Charter launched November 2019
- HeadStart Engagement Officers have moved across to Corporate Parenting

## ***So What for HeadStart 'learn and embed?'***

- A pathway for Headstart Co-Production Groups to feed into city wide opportunities. Ambassadors, mini's and Bsafe to be part of the central Hub.
- Central Co-Production Hub

# Community

- 3 new consortiums are being developed in 3 of the HeadStart areas and they are being peer supported by the successful WV10 consortium in Low Hill.

## ***So What for HeadStart 'learn and embed?'***

- The HeadStart Steering Groups in each of the 4 areas will evolve into the consortium steering groups before the end of the HeadStart programme
- Sustainability will be achieved by each consortium attracting external funding to continue the HeadStart ethos in all 4 geographical areas and beyond.

# School Offer

- Continue to deliver emotional wellbeing support in schools
- Developing emotional wellbeing toolkit
- Dissemination of learning across all schools in Wolverhampton and West Midlands

## ***So What for HeadStart 'learn and embed?'***

Work with Squirrel (Social Enterprise) in developing a school offer to be cascaded to all Wolverhampton Schools. This will utilise the learning from HeadStart and Squirrel will continue to provide support via a traded offer

# Workforce

- Training programme 'Getting it Right' to be launched September 2019
- Workforce task group established and reports to the CYP Emotional Wellbeing Board

## ***So What for HeadStart 'learn and embed?'***

- Having a workforce across a wide range of agencies who work with children and young people with the necessary skills and knowledge in relation to mental health and emotional wellbeing
- Having a resilient community who can support young people in the community

# Parenting

- This is a new workstream area. The community and targeted work identified the need to coordinate the parenting work.
- Currently have commissioned provided offering parent support.
- Aligning the HeadStart work to the broader parenting offer
- Appointment of Parenting Coordinator
  
- ***So What for HeadStart ‘learn and embed?’***
- Learning will be used to increase the effectiveness and usefulness of the parenting programme by facilitating greater personalisation to the needs of individual families.
- Work will be embedded within Children Services Strengthening Families Hubs
- Parenting Champions in HeadStart areas will continue to be supported by Strategic Parenting Champion.
- Parenting is a priority within Early Help Strategy

All this is underpinned by

# Positive Engagement Strategy

The aim of the strategy is to provide a coordinated approach to opportunities for children and young people to engage positively. It will be a framework to guide organisations to ensure it makes the most of the opportunities to benefit local young people.

3 key strands

**Being Healthy:** understanding what keeps young people happy and well.

**Being Connected:** how do young people stay connected with their friends, family and the community.

**Being You:-** ensuring young people have the chance to be their best version.

Ultimately

***'The City of Wolverhampton commitment to continued investment in young people leading happy, healthy and aspirational lives'***