



Health and Wellbeing Board

9th July 2014

Report title	Children's Trust Board progress report	
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Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Agree to the drafting of a protocol between the Health & Wellbeing Board and the Children's Trust Board in order to support an effective working relationship between the two.

Recommendations for noting:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note:

1. Recent activity at the Children's Trust Board.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To keep members of the Health & Wellbeing Board informed of the work of the Children's Trust Board (CTB).

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Children's Trust Board is a partnership of agencies from all sectors working together to ensure the alignment of strategic priorities for children and young people in the city. It currently meets on quarterly basis.

3.0 Present position

- 3.1 The Children's Trust Board most recently met on 18th June 2014.
- 3.2 A review of the Board took place earlier this year and a number of recommendations have been agreed by the Board, in order to ensure its work is relevant and focused. This includes a standing agenda item to consider learning from frontline practice, along with ensuring that children, young people and families remain a significant part of the agendas of other partnership Boards in the city.
- 3.3 In order to achieve this, the CTB has committed to putting in place protocol agreements with a number of Partnership Boards, to include the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Health and Wellbeing Board are accordingly asked to agree to the development of a protocol with the CTB.
- 3.4 At its meeting, the CTB received a paper to confirm its revised terms of reference, structure following the rationalisation of sub Boards and to identify named representatives for each organisation. In addition, a Partnership Agreement document was presented, to outline the vision, aims and objectives for the CT Board and the responsibility of Board members. Board members agreed the content of the partnership agreement and committed to signing the Partnership agreement document
- 3.5 A discussion about the development of a work programme for the CTB took place. The Board were asked to agree and approach to the development of a work programme, to ensure it was owned by all Board partners. The Board were in agreement that the Work Programme needed to align with the Children Young people and Families Plan and that the areas of difficulty in terms of the delivery of the Plan would need to be signposted from the Children's Trust Delivery Board. In this respect the work programme will need to continue to evolve when the CYP&F Plan is in place.
- 3.6 The need to ensure the voice of the child is at the centre of all the work of the Children's Trust Board was raised and it was agreed that this needs to be reflected in Work Programme.

- 3.7 An update on progress with the development of the Children, Young People and Families Plan 2014-2024 was received. Work is continuing to identify measures from a range of agencies which will be used to monitor the impact being made against the priorities and headline outcomes. This work is nearly complete. Targets for short, medium and long term are being set; stakeholders have found it challenging to set medium term (5 years) and long term (10 years) targets, so it has been agreed that these will be set once the plan is in place. This will ensure that the document is kept 'live' and will ensure its relevance throughout its lifetime.
- 3.8 The Board agreed to the proposed timescales for completion of the Children, Young People and Families Plan and will therefore receive the final document with the strategic framework and other associated documentation at its meeting on 24th September.
- 3.9 The CTB received an update report from the Families r First (FrF) programme, which is the programme to support children living safely within their families and as such reduce the need for children to become looked after and reduce the current numbers of Looked After Children in the city. The FrF multi-agency steering group will regularly report progress with the programme to the Children's Trust Board as part of the agreed governance arrangements.
- 3.10 A number of work streams are operational under the FrF programme within the framework of targeted intervention, early help support and a committed partnership with all agencies. There is a multi-agency steering group in place to support the programme.
- 3.11 A summit event to raise awareness of the challenges faced by services took place in May and this will be followed up with an event on 25 June to develop a charter. The Board agreed to the governance arrangements for the programme and requested to receive a more detailed report about what exactly their role will need to be at their meeting in September.
- 3.12 An information item to provide the Board with an update on preparation for the Ofsted inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers was submitted. This included a briefing note with an update on changes to the inspection framework, along with an overview of the response to the Ofsted Thematic Inspection in relation to Neglect, which took place last June. This has included revisions to the Neglect Strategy. The role of partners in the inspection was highlighted in regard to the multi- agency audit and also with Ofsted speaking to all agencies which have been involved in cases.

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications to this report.

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5.0 Legal implications

5.1 There are no direct legal implications to this report.

[TS/19062014/K]

6.0 Equalities implications

6.1 There are no direct equalities implications to this report, as it is an update on progress at the Children's Trust Board, rather than referencing specific programmes of work in relation to the delivery of Children's Services.

7.0 Environmental implications

7.1 There are no direct environmental implications to this report.

8.0 Human resources implications

8.1 There are no direct human resources implications to this report.

9.0 Corporate landlord implications

9.1 There are no Corporate Landlord implications to this report

10.0 Schedule of background papers

10.1 None