

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Health and wellbeing board</b>
<b>Meeting date:</b>	<b>23 February 2016</b>
<b>Title of report:</b>	<b>Update on health and wellbeing strategy priority 2: Children and young people's plan update</b>
<b>Report by:</b>	<b>Assistant director education and commissioning</b>

## **Classification**

Open

## **Key decision**

This is not an executive decision.

## **Wards Affected**

Countywide

## **Purpose**

To consider progress against the children and young people's plan.

## **Recommendation(s)**

**THAT:**

- (a) The progress with priority two of the Herefordshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy carried out through the children and young people's plan 2015 – 2018 is reviewed to assess whether it is meeting the objectives of the strategy; and**
- (b) The board identifies how it can promote a multi agency approach to early help for children and families.**

## **Alternative options**

1. The board is invited to consider whether any alternative or additional actions are necessary.

## **Reasons for recommendations**

2. The board is responsible for reviewing whether the children and young people's plan 2015 – 2018, overseen by the children and young people's partnership, is delivering

the outcomes of Herefordshire's Health and Wellbeing Strategy for children and families contained in priority two.

## **Key considerations**

3. The Herefordshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy contains a number of priorities to improve the lives of children and families, many of them contained in priority two. The children and young people's partnership has been tasked by the health and wellbeing board to develop and deliver the children and young people's plan. The plan reflects the priorities that had been agreed by the health and wellbeing board, reflecting the joint strategic needs assessment and the children's integrated needs assessment. The board endorsed the children and young people's plan at the 21 July 2015 meeting.
4. The presentation (attached at appendix 1) sets out the plan and priorities and provides an opportunity four months into the life of the plan to assess the work that is taking place.
5. Specifically the board will be invited to consider what actions can support the development of an effective joint early help approach in Herefordshire.

## **Community impact**

6. The health and wellbeing strategy identifies the key priorities for the county. Specifically focusing on the children and young people's plan enables the board to consider the community impact of the plan for this group of the population. A fundamental part of the health and wellbeing strategy is the focus on prevention. Addressing health and wellbeing issues in childhood can effectively prevent difficulties in adulthood and the need for intensive and often high cost public services.

## **Equality duty**

7. The successful implementation of the children and young people's plan will support the council and other partners in their respective duties to promote equality. In particular the plan focuses on access to universal services among the most disadvantaged, reducing inequalities between those with relevant protected characteristics and those who do not share them, and enhancing opportunities for social inclusion among those experiencing barriers to participation.

## **Financial implications**

8. None arising directly from this report. If the board identifies additional actions; regard must be had to the financial implications of delivery.

## **Legal implications**

9. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 provides the primary responsibility of health and wellbeing boards to identify the current and future health and social care needs of the local community. The board is acting under this duty by reviewing the current arrangements as identified in the report.

## **Risk management**

10. There is a significant risk that the current poor outcomes for some children in Herefordshire are not improved. This risk is in the context of significant financial challenges to a range of public services and partners, including cuts to budgets. Managing demand is a risk to the partners in Herefordshire and has associated risks to achieving good outcomes, quality of practice and balanced budgets. Risks to delivery are reviewed regularly through the children and young people's partnership steering group, which reports to the children and young people's partnership executive. In addition the executive reviews the work to deliver the priority areas on a regular basis as part of its forward plan. However, there is a need to develop a much stronger partnership approach to achieving improvements whilst at the same time managing demand and resources.

## **Consultees**

11. None. The consultation is at activity level and involves a wide range of stakeholders appropriate to that action.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Presentation

Appendix 2 – Herefordshire Children and Young People's Plan 2015 - 2018

## **Background papers**

- None identified.