

Meeting:	Health and wellbeing board
Meeting date:	28 March 2017
Title of report:	Health and wellbeing strategy update on priority two
Report by:	Assistant director, education and commissioning

Classification

Open

Key decision

This is not an executive decision.

Wards affected

Countywide

Purpose

To review progress against delivering the children and young people's plan and agree further actions to support its delivery

Recommendation(s)

THAT:

- (a) progress towards achievement of priority two of the Herefordshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy carried out through the children and young people's plan 2015 – 2018 be reviewed;**
- (b) the board identify any further actions which further assist achievement of the objectives of the strategy; and**
- (c) the board identifies what actions it can take to further promote a multi agency approach to delivering the priorities of the plan.**

Alternative options

- 1 The board can consider whether additional or alternative actions would enhance the delivery of the children and young people's plan.

Reasons for recommendations

- 2 Herefordshire's health and wellbeing strategy contains a series of outcomes for

children and families, contained in priority two. The children and young people's plan has been established to deliver these outcomes and the health and wellbeing board is responsible for reviewing whether these are being achieved.

Key considerations

- 3 The Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities for children and young people are:
 - Starting well with pregnancy, maternal health and smoking in pregnancy
 - Immunisation for 0-5 year olds, breastfeeding, dental health and pre-school checks
 - Children with disabilities
 - Young offenders
 - Young people not in education, employment or training
 - Looked after children
- 4 These contribute to the overall aim of giving children a great start in life and this aim underpins the wider objectives of the children and young people's plan.
- 5 The progress in delivering the children and young people's plan through 2016/17 is contained in appendix 1. There are some significant strengths in Herefordshire and some recent improvements including achieving top 25% performance in early years, from a position of being in the bottom 25% nationally, accelerated improvement in the number of pupils achieving a good level of development ahead of regional and national figures, the development and implementation of an emotional wellbeing programme for young people, a significant increase in the number of foster carers, reductions in the number of young people not in education, training and employment overall Herefordshire is now in line with national averages.
- 6 At the meeting on 28 March 2017 the board will be asked to consider what actions can add value to the ongoing focus in each priority area to drive improvement. It may be useful for example for the health and wellbeing board to actively consider how to strengthen the approach to improving oral health outcomes, the progress in the early help in Herefordshire and the further development of a 0-25 approach for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities, including the approach to paediatric therapy provision.
- 7 Information sharing is an important enabler so that different agencies and specialisms can work together effectively to support children and also to enable effective prevention and early help. At the same time there are clear data protection requirements which rightly place boundaries on what can or cannot be shared. A number of partners in the Children and Young People's Partnership have an agreed information sharing protocol in 2015 between the following partners.
 - Herefordshire Council
 - WVT
 - CCG
 - 2Gether
 - West Mercia Police
 - National Probation Service
 - Warwickshire and West Mercia Community Rehabilitation Company

- Youth Offending Service
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Examples of effective information sharing taking place include some individual case work as well as the troubled families programme, supporting the work and the payment by results claims. However, across partners and staff there are also examples of a lack of understanding on what can be shared.

- 8 It would be helpful if each agency represented at the Board review how their staff implement the protocol and the specific agreements beneath the protocol that are required to enable information sharing on a clear legal basis, this includes data sharing agreements.

Community impact

- 9 Key priorities for the people of Herefordshire's health and wellbeing are identified through the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The children and young people's plan is the delivery plan for the children's priority in the strategy, enabling the Health and Wellbeing Board to have a specific focus on children and young people and the community impact of the plan for this group of Herefordshire's population. Addressing issues in childhood forms an important part of prevention and can reduce the reliance of intensive services later in life.

Equality duty

- 10 The work delivered through the children and young people's plan supports the council and other partners in their respective duties to promote equality by addressing protected characteristics, supporting access to universal services for those that have them and reducing inequalities between them and those that do not share the characteristics. There have been some good examples in 2016/17 of enhancing support and opportunities for social inclusion among those experiencing barriers to participation, including the development of support for emotional wellbeing and mental health which has included the establishment of a strong young minds approach in high schools, supporting pupils with emerging needs. The recommissioning of short breaks provision, including the emphasis on accessing universal opportunities is enabling young people with protected characteristics to have a wider choice and to be supported their development. It is also enabling families to lead a supported family life.

Financial implications

- 11 None arising from this report. If the board identifies actions that are not currently planned for then there may be financial implications to delivery which will need to be identified.

Legal implications

- 12 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 establishes Health and Wellbeing Boards as a forum where key leaders from Health and Social Care work together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population. They have a statutory duty to produce a joint strategic needs assessment and a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for their local population.

- 13 This update on priority two should be shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board so that they may be satisfied that the strategy is being progressed effectively and appropriately.

Risk management

- 14 The delivery of the children and young people's plan is reviewed through Herefordshire's Children and Young People's Partnership. The steering group has met at least bi-monthly throughout 2016/17 to review actions and delivery across each of the priority areas. The Partnership Board has reviewed progress throughout the year by priority area and has paid particular attention to the development of the Early Help Strategy. The risks to children and their long term life outcomes have been highlighted in the development of the plan and there are continued challenges in a number of areas, as highlighted in Appendix 1, which the Partnership is actively working to address but there are opportunities for work across partners to have a greater effect.

Consultees

- 15 None for this report. Consultation takes place at an activity level and can involve a wide range of stakeholders.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Presentation on the Children and Young People's Plan Update 2016/17

Background papers

- None identified.