

Report to:	Health and Wellbeing Board	Date of Meeting:	Wednesday 9 September 2020
Subject:	Children and Young Peoples Plan Update		
Report of:	Executive Director of Children's Social Care and Education	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Portfolio:	Children's, Schools and Safeguarding		
Is this a Key Decision:	N	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	N		

Summary:

The report follows the presentation of the final draft of the Children and Young Peoples plan at Decembers Health and Wellbeing Board. The plan is now published, and the paper introduces a Youth version, Animation and an overview of the work underway to embed the plan as the overarching vision for the delivery of services and the outcomes we as a system are working towards for our Children and Young People in Sefton.

Recommendation(s):

- (1) The Board receive and note the contents of the report
- (2) The Board offer governance to the method of delivery
- (3) The Board agree to offer oversight to the process of ongoing delivery over the five year period.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

The board is being asked to provide oversight in its capacity as the Children's Trust for Sefton.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

Not applicable

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

There are no additional revenue costs associated with this report.

(B) Capital Costs There are no additional capital costs associated with this report.

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets): There are no additional resource implications identified by this report.
Legal Implications:
Equality Implications: There are no equality implications. The Strategy is applicable to all Children and Young People in Sefton equally and analysis of protected characteristic of our existing cohort have been reviewed as part of the process.

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: The plan aims to ensure every child and young person in Sefton is Happy, Healthy and able to reach their full potential.
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: The plan aims to ensure every child and young person in Sefton is Happy, Healthy and able to reach their full potential.
Commission, broker and provide core services: The Plan will inform an integrated Children's Commissioning Vision and influence all future Commissioning activity for Children and Young People.
Place – leadership and influencer: The plan states 12 priorities that will shape all activity in relation to Children and Young People in Sefton from 2020 – 2025.
Drivers of change and reform: The plan states 12 priorities that will shape all activity in relation to Children and Young People in Sefton from 2020 – 2025.
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: Not applicable
Greater income for social investment: Not applicable
Cleaner Greener: Not applicable

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD6114/20.) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD4306/20) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

External consultation undertaken in the development of the plan as detailed in the December 2019 paper on the 2020 – 2025 Children and Young Persons Plan.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Board meeting.

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Appendices:

There are no appendices to this report

Background Papers:

The final draft of the Sefton Children and Young Peoples plan can be found here: <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/your-council/plans-policies/children,-young-people-and-families.aspx#>

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Board will recall its approval in December 2019 of the final Draft of the Children and Young Peoples Plan for Sefton, covering 2020 – 2025. This plan and accompanying Commissioning Strategy went on to be approved by Cabinet on the 9th January 2020.
- 1.2 The Children and Young People's Plan defines the vision and ambitions for children and young people in Sefton. The document which sets out clearly what, collectively as a Children's Trust partnership area, needs to be achieved and how that will be done. It includes an outcome measure metric chapter that the plans progress will be measured against and identifies twelve local priority areas for improvement for 2020 - 2025.
- 1.3 The report will go on to update the board on activity since this and the proposed method of embedding.

2. Embedding the 2020 – 2025 Children and Young Peoples Plan.

- 2.1 The communication team at Sefton Council have produced an animation of the plan. It is envisaged this will support understanding and communication of the vision and will particularly support our schools when promotion will recommence in September. The animation is to be submitted to the Children and Young Peoples partnership board at its next meeting on the 16th September. The animation will be published on the website following the boards approval and a link will be sent to Health and Wellbeing Board members when available.

- 2.2 Sefton CVS Young Persons lead worked closely with a cross section of young people in Sefton to produce a Youth Proof version of the plan. This is available at the link provided in the background papers section of this report.
- 2.3 Alongside the plan a multi agency score card has been developed through the Children's partnership board, this is an evolving tool to show progress against the 12 priorities and is reviewed by the Partnership on a quarterly basis with deep dive information submitted to the proceeding meetings.
- 2.4 The delivery plan highlights the key enablers for the plans and the governance route. This highlights the areas where the greatest focus is needed. This will also be submitted to the Children and Young Peoples Partnership board for approval on the 16th September. It will be published following this, and a link shared with Health and Wellbeing Board members for their approval.
- 2.5 Delivery of the plan is a key component of the Demand Management program and the Integrated commissioning work program, both programs receive updates on this and document progression through delivery of their respective areas.
- 2.6 The emerging picture of need post COVID shows the importance of the priorities in the plan particularly around mental health. A review of the Emotional Health and Wellbeing Strategy is underway and will be submitted to the Board at its December's meeting.
- 2.7 A recent Health and Partnerships meeting called by the leader of the Council explored the importance of the plan to the system as a whole with Chief Executive and Senior representatives of all Sefton Health partners, Education and the Voluntary Sector committing to ensure the Children and Young Peoples Plan, Early Help Strategy and the Local Safeguarding Children's Board Annual report are submitted to their next available boards.
- 2.8 There have been significant achievements made to deliver the plan since its implementation on the 1st April 2020;
- Cabinet will be considering a report on 3rd September 20 regarding the recommissioning of Residential placements and foster framework delivered on a LCR footprint, the specification design was led by the Sefton commissioning team and delivers on priorities around local, consistent high quality care and support four looked after children and looks to bring the Fostering offer into a model that works together to give the best outcome to our children.
 - We have jointly recommissioned Kooth, the online counselling offer that has seen great success in its first year to support the mental health of our children and young people with ongoing funding commitment from both Local Authority and the CGG
 - We have reviewed and redesigned our Integrated Commissioning model with dedicated work programs, a Children's Integrated Commissioning group and commitment to a 5 year integrated recommissioning plan that will see Health, Social Care, Education, Early

Help and Public Health services designed and delivered jointly to maximise the resource opportunities, streamline and improve services and achieve increased positive outcomes for our children and young people

- We have a well-established Emotional Health and Wellbeing Strategy Group that has been developing a new Strategy for the borough. A 2021 – 2026 Emotional Health and Wellbeing strategy will be brought to the Board in December. The Strategy brings together and details delivery to achieve improvements highlighted under the Joint Targeted Inspection which focussed on Children’s Mental Health Services, a response to the CQC Are we listening review and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Sefton.

The group has also overseen the development of a Schools Toolkit of Mental Health and emotional wellbeing support tool that will be re - launched with schools for the new 2020/21 academic year

- Delivering evidence-based interventions for mild to moderate mental health issues:

Sefton has been successful in securing funding to deliver support to schools through newly established Mental Health Teams. The new teams will carry out interventions alongside established provision such as counselling, educational psychologists, and school nurses building on the menu of support already available and not replacing it.

3. Conclusion

The Children and Young Peoples plan offers clear direction to all in Sefton that work towards achieving the outcomes our Children and Young people need and the ambitions we hold for them. It is critical that the plan is recognised as the overarching vision and that progression against the Heard, Happy, Healthy and Achieving priorities is tangible over the course of the next 5 years. The Health and Wellbeing board is asked to offer overarching governance and oversight to this process.