

WIRRAL CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD – 20 May 2014

Health & Social Care in Wirral – Developing Vision 2018 Children's Integration Workstream - Update

1.0 Background

National Context

There is a real and significant financial challenge facing the NHS, Local Government and our partners in the coming years.

Local Challenges

Consistent with the national trend, the Wirral health and social care system is under increasing financial pressure, and if we continue to deliver services the way we do now, the demand for services will outweigh the available funding. The traditional efficiencies will not be enough to ensure high quality and affordable health and care services continue in the future.

Over the coming years all health and social care organisations in Wirral will need to continue to respond to escalating demand and continued financial constraint to meet the health and social care needs of the population.

Locally, leaders of health and social care have agreed to work in partnership to develop a health and social care strategy called "Vision 2018." The aim is for quality of care and outcomes to be protected and enhanced, despite increased costs and a potential reduction in funding. The Vision 2018 Group consists of health and social care leaders, working in partnership to address these challenges together, with the following agreed vision:

To ensure the residents of Wirral enjoy the best quality of life possible, being supported to make informed choices about their own care, and being assured of the highest quality services.

A Programme Board has been established, overseeing 8 workstreams one of which is the Children's Integration Workstream. Over the next 3-4 months mechanisms will be put in place to engage with the public and staff across the NHS and Local Authority to develop our vision for the future.

2.0 Children's Integration Workstream

The Inaugural meeting of the group was held on 02 May 2014. Julia Hassall, Director of Children's Services, Wirral Council and Dr Adrian Hughes, Wirral University Teaching Hospital Consultant Paediatrician/Clinical Service Lead Community Paediatrics, will act as Chair and Vice Chair respectfully. The Terms of Reference for the group were considered and will be finalised at the next meeting. The group will meet on a monthly basis with the next meeting being held on 3 June.

The themes that emerged from the first meeting were:

- The Right Service First Time
- Transition
- Opportunities for integration with Child Development Centre/Service
- Resilience and mental health
- Emotional Health and Wellbeing
- Breastfeeding

The next step will be to draw up a list of priorities and programme of work for the group to take forward.

3.0 Recommendation:

- **The Board is asked to note the work of the Children's Integration Workstream and updates on the progress of the work of the group will be provided.**

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