

Update from the Children's Joint Commissioning Group held on 9th September 2015

Executive Summary

This paper is to update the members of the Children's Trust Partnership Board of the key issues from the third meeting of Children's Joint Commissioning Group.

Background

This new group, which first met in June 2015, is to develop the joint commissioning agenda for children and young people, including the production of a joint commissioning plan. This plan will be developed in the context of the Wirral Plan which was endorsed by all key partners in July 2015. Included within this plan are four key pledges for children and families:

- Children are ready for school;
- Young people are ready for work and adult life
- Vulnerable children achieve their full potential
- Child and Family poverty is reduced.

The Children's Joint Commissioning Group will specifically oversee the production and delivery of the strategy to achieve the first three outcomes, as a single strategy which will become the children and young people's plan for 2016 and beyond. This will form the basis of planning and joint commissioning services for children and young people over the next five years.

Core membership of the group includes the Police, Merseyside Fire and Rescue Services, Public Health, Clinical Commissioning Group and Council Children's Services. The group has recently been expanded to include the local representative of the Police and Crime Commissioners Office and the Senior Manager for Supporting People / Housing.

Memorandum of Understanding

This document is still in development and will be completed to capture the new partnership framework being developed by Wirral partners in response to overseeing the delivery of the 20 pledges contained within the Wirral Plan: A 2020 Vision. The new memorandum of understanding will also align with the newly reconfigured Joint Commissioning Group established to oversee the implementation of the Healthy Wirral programme (Vanguard), which sits within the overall health and wellbeing framework. It is proposed that the Joint Commissioning Group (Healthy Wirral) will refer children's commissioning issues to the Children's Joint Commissioning Group

for development. The emphasis moving forward, is to do whatever is required to progress rapidly to deliver improved outcomes, consequently there will be much greater use of task and finish groups rather than a large number of Boards.

Commissioning Items

There were two main areas for commissioning which were discussed at the meeting:

1. Domestic Abuse

Zero tolerance of Domestic Abuse is one of the 20 pledges outlined within the Wirral Plan. There is now a Domestic Abuse strategy in Wirral which is overseen by a joint sub group of the Wirral Safeguarding Children's Board and the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board. A mapping exercise of existing resources is currently being undertaken by a colleague in public health on behalf of the above group. A broad stakeholder group is being convened to progress the delivery of this pledge, this will include key partners involved in developing and progressing the current strategy. Discussion within the group, to feed into the survey currently being undertaken and the stakeholder event, included recommendations that:

- The definition of domestic abuse and terminology needs to be consistent;
- There needs to be an understanding of what services and interventions currently exist, and evidence of their impact and value for money;
- The courts and crown prosecution service need to be involved in the stakeholder / task and finish event
- Clarification about which organisation is contributing to delivering which services – the size and value of the current joint commissioning “pot”;
- Analysis of needs and gaps in provision.

2. Speech and Language Therapy

The CCG Commissioner produced a paper which has been presented at the Children's QUIPP, which is a review of Speech and Language. The paper distinguished between services which would usually be paid for by the health commissioners, which are directly connected with health needs, and also highlighted how services which are required to enable children to engage more effectively in education as part of the Education, Health and Care planning processes, would usually be commissioned jointly or in some instances, solely by the Council. This is restated and made clear in the Children and Families Act 2014. The group considered the paper, identified that there may be other needs, for example the over representation of young people involved in the criminal justice system with speech and language difficulties, and recommended that further work is undertaken between the CCG lead and the Council SEN lead, and that proposals about how the service

should be jointly developed and commissioned in future should be returned to this meeting for a decision in November 2015.

Future in Mind – Transformation of CAMHS

The first expression of interest for this national programme of work is due for submission to NHS England on 16th September 2015. This submission is high level at this stage and will receive feedback from NHS England to inform and shape a more detailed submission due in October 2015. It is proposed that the local bid will focus on:

- Parenting and early help
- Crisis response.

It is proposed that this Group will provide oversight of the development of the bid, which needs to be agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board before submission.

Youth Zone – The HIVE

The new youth zone project, locally named by young people as the Hive, is now progressing at pace. It is planned that the Hive will be opened in late autumn 2016. The Board overseeing the development of the proposals now has charitable status.

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