

AGENDA ITEM

**REPORT TO HEALTH AND
WELLBEING BOARD**

29 JUNE 2022

**REPORT OF
PARTNERSHIPS' CHAIRS**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIPS' UPDATE

SUMMARY

This report describes the discussions being undertaken by the Adults Health and Wellbeing Partnership and the Children and Young People's Partnership. It highlights the significant collaborative working and the important and invaluable links that are made, between Partners, at each meeting. Board members may access minutes of the meeting via the Council's Democratic Services Unit.

This report covers meetings held in March 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

DETAIL

Adults Health and Wellbeing Partnership – 30 March 2022

Post Covid Update

The Partnership received a presentation relating to Post COVID Syndrome. The Health and Wellbeing Board received a similar presentation at its meeting held 27 April 2022.

The Partnership:

- requested a progress report, to a future meeting, on work being undertaken with Tees Active around support through Physical activity.
- highlighted 'Brain Fog' and how it may get missed in older people, who may put changes down to the ageing process. Also it may adversely affect young people's cognitive performance who were studying/taking exams.
- supported collective comms and engagement and the use of community champions and other approaches to ensure messages reached every part of our community.
- agreed that the Council's Public Health had developed very good links into workplaces and schools, during COVID, and these links should be

used to raise awareness of the post COVID support and pathways available. Links with the Employment and Training Hub would also help in this regard.

Health Inequalities,

Partners were informed of a forthcoming Health and Wellbeing Inequalities Summit that had been organised, by North Tees and Hartlepool Trust, across the Tees Valley. Time had been allocated to consider how Partners' worked together, as a system, and start to develop an agreed way of working together and maximising collective resources.

Members had been informed of a direct enhanced service, provided by Primary Care Networks, focused on tackling neighbourhood inequality. The key aim was for each PCN to review their intelligence to better understand their neighbourhoods and vulnerable groups and develop plans with partners to affect change at a place based level.

Community Safety Plan

It was agreed that, at a future meeting, members would receive an in depth presentation on the Community Safety Plan and Action Plan consider what the Partnership and the organisations represented on it could do to support delivery.

Substance Misuse Service

Noted that the Substance misuse Service had received significant additional funding, for the next three years to improve and expand services.

Children and Young People's Partnership – 23 March 2022

The Partnership continues to review the themes of the Children and Young People's Strategy to facilitate the coproduction of a refreshed Strategy. The focus of this meeting was the Response Theme and the Partnership received presentations relating to the

- **Multi Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) and the Council's contextual safeguarding approach.**
- **Children's Services Practice Model**
- **Pilot of Extended Duties for the Virtual School Head**
- **Children and Young People's Select Committee's Child Poverty Scrutiny Review**

Members noted the MACE Hub model was interactive and responded to risks identified on a daily basis, rather than the previous, meeting based, VPG model. Information was received from a number of sources and was initially triaged to identify the level of risk to individual children, locations presenting with contextual risk, perpetrators and any group networks. A response was then developed.

The Hub opened in October and, since then, it had been possible to develop an understanding of some of the contextual risks that exploited children were experiencing and members received some detail of these. It was noted that identification of 'those at risk' had improved, Criminal exploitation was the primary risk area followed by sexual exploitation.

Discussion/Points raised, included:

- There had been substantial and affective working with Cleveland Police, around the work of the MACE Hub and disruption activity e.g. Op, Burford.
- Cornerhouse Youth Project had recently been awarded a OPCC contract for targeted Youth Outreach work and it was agreed that this would be another useful disruption resource. There was also a Youth Outreach offer which worked closely with Community safety and the enforcement team.
- Covid had pushed some exploitation behind closed doors, which made it more difficult to form a whole picture.
- The new approach had revealed more children at risk, who could now be helped. In terms of prevalence, and in comparison with other areas of the country, it was noted that serious youth violence (which could be linked to exploitation), in Stockton, was catching up with metro/city areas. However, gang related behaviour was not as prevalent in the Borough, as in the metro areas.

The second presentation related to **Children's Services Practice Model**

It was explained that the model attempted to define a Stockton approach and ensure that that approach was consistent across the whole Children's Services Directorate.

The draft model was coproduced with staff and based on maintaining and developing trusted, positive relationships. The model identified tools to be used, a vision, behaviours and outcomes.

Once finalised the model would be rolled out and the workforce development programme refocused. A new Performance and Improvement Framework would be developed.

The third presentation related to a **Pilot of Extended Duties for the Virtual School Head**

It was explained that, in June, last year, non-statutory guidance had been issued by the Department of Education, relating to Virtual School Heads taking a strategic role in promoting the educational outcomes of children with a social worker. Development of the project had been funded by a DoE grant.

Members noted how work had progressed, to date, including gathering information, compiling a data base and working with schools.

The Partnership noted that, during the next school term, it was anticipated that there would be further work with schools to look at what could be done to ensure relevant children were benefitting from interventions.

The Fourth presentation related to the Council's **Children and Young People's Select Committee's Child Poverty Scrutiny Review.**

Members were provided with the draft recommendations from the review which included the compilation of a family poverty profile, enhanced support to families in poverty, a review of subsidy policies, help with food, energy, digital inclusion, direct payments scheme.

A child poverty action plan was being developed.

The Partnership was reminded of the A Fairer Stockton Framework that the Council was leading on, to attempt to tackle inequality in the Borough, and ensure that targeted support and help was delivered to those living in poverty to improve their outcomes.

The Fairer Stockton Framework would help Partners provide interventions 'up stream' of some of the poverty issues.

Forthcoming Partnership work includes:

1. Children's Partnership

Children and Young People's Strategy Development, including consideration of key themes e.g. resilience, relationships, vulnerability. early years

2. Adults' Partnership –

Community Safety Plan, Health Inequalities, Primary Care Networks Improved Access Services, Supported Specialist Housing, Caring for Smiles

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The risks arising from the production of this report can be categorised as low.

CONSULTATION

The content of the report reflects discussion and consultation at Partnership meetings.

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