

Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board

A committee of Suffolk County Council

Report Title:	Children and Young People’s Plan
Meeting Date:	24 July 2014
Chairman:	Councillor Joanna Spicer
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Brief summary of report

1. This report presents the Children and Young People’s Plan (CYPP) 2014-17. The Plan is an overview of all the priorities for children and young people, and includes reference to those contained as part of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Action recommended

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Board is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note and approve the Children and Young People’s Plan
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Reason for recommendation

3. Although no longer a statutory requirement to produce a Children and Young People’s Plan, it is seen as good practice to do so. The Plan seeks to take a strategic overview of all our priorities for children and young people.

Alternative options

4. None.

Who will be affected by this decision?

5. All partners and stakeholders are key in ensuring the best outcomes for children and young people. The Children and Young People’s Plan links to key strategies e.g. Health and Wellbeing Strategy/Raising the Bar transformation programme. It is reliant on successful relationships and commitment from partners rather than agencies acting alone.

Main body of report

- 6. The current Children and Young People’s Plan ended in 2013, and was superseded by the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. There is no statutory requirement to have a Children and Young People’s Plan, although the Children’s Trust agrees that it is good practice to produce a plan.
- 7. The proposed Plan (Appendix 1) seeks to draw together our priorities into one document, whilst being clear about the accountabilities. The proposed Plan has been brought together using:
 - 7.1. a cross reference of all children’s priorities across all outcomes of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy
 - 7.2. the evaluation of CYPP 2013
 - 7.3. recommendations from State of Children in Suffolk 2013
 - 7.4. feedback from Children’s Trust Network event November 2013.
 - 7.5. discussions from Children’s Trust Joint Commissioning Group
- 8. The Plan, as drafted, is purposefully short and focused, making reference to other plans, where the detail sits. It is proposed that the Plan will be available as 2-sides A4 as per our previous Children and Young People’s Plan, with an online version allowing links to all the relevant underlying plans.
- 9. The way we work together is just as important as what we do – therefore the Plan includes underpinning elements – our building blocks for success. The Children’s Trust Network event in November 2013 highlighted the importance of integration and information sharing as key areas for success, which will underpin our Making Every Intervention Count transformation.
- 10. The Plan focuses on 4 key priority areas
 - 10.1. Giving every child in Suffolk the best start in life
 - 10.2. Keeping every child in Suffolk safe from harm
 - 10.3. Giving every child in Suffolk opportunity to learn and achieve
 - 10.4. Targeting support for children who need it most
- 11. The key areas of focus under the priorities are shown below. Against each priority/focus area the reason for inclusion is illustrated.

<p>Priority 1: <i>Giving every child in Suffolk the best start in life</i> <i>HWB outcome 1</i></p>	<p>Focus: Early intervention and Prevention. Promoting family focus Supporting parents to improve their own circumstances.</p>
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<p>Priority 2: <i>Keeping every child in Suffolk safe from harm</i></p>	<p>Focus: Reduction of risks associated with hidden harm. <i>HWB outcome 1</i> Reduction of risks associated with technology. <i>NEW e- safety Strategy</i> Prevention of homelessness for 16/17 year old. <i>HWB outcome 2</i> Suitable housing for young people and care leavers. <i>HWB outcome 2</i></p>
<p>Priority 3: <i>Giving every child in Suffolk opportunity to learn and achieve</i> <i>Raising the Bar</i></p>	<p>Focus: Quality of teaching is at least good or outstanding. Targeted support and challenge to schools in special measures. Identify schools of concern even where good or outstanding Ofsted. Ensure gaps in performance are closed for all vulnerable groups.</p>
<p>Priority 4: <i>Targeting support for children and families who need it most</i></p>	<p>Focus: Improve outcomes for looked after children and care leavers in Suffolk. <i>HWB outcome 4</i> Establish and integrated and effective early help offer at local level for children, young people and families. <i>HWB outcome 1</i> Develop and communicate Suffolk's local offer of</p>

	<p>services to support children with disabilities or have SEN and their families.</p> <p><i>NEW SEND reform</i></p> <p>Strengthen our multi agency partnerships to ensure assessment and planning processes are more integrated and robust and families are at the heart of decision making.</p> <p><i>NEW health integration/Making Every Intervention Count</i></p> <p>Young people have access to Positive Activities to improve their wellbeing.</p> <p><i>HWB outcome 2.</i></p>
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Governance

12. Reporting for the Children and Young People’s Plan will be by exception to the Children’s Trust Joint Commissioning Group, who produce detailed reporting on outcome 1 of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Governance arrangements are shown as Appendix 2.

Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

13. This Plan pulls together other strategies into one document, and therefore does not need an EIA. The strategies to which it refers have been subject to an assessment.

Sources of Further Information

State of children in Suffolk report

<http://www.suffolkobservatory.info/JSNASection.aspx?Section=128&AreaBused=False>

Principles underpinning all our priorities.

Our building blocks for success.

- Intervening early to prevent the need for intensive, specialist help.
- Narrowing gaps and reducing inequalities.
- Improved integration between services and partners
- The right service at the right time in the right place.
- Listening to the views of children, young people, carers and parents and designing services with them
- Good communication and data sharing between partners
- Making our services simple to access
- Developing resilience and community participation
- Sharing evidence based practice
- Delivering services through a highly skilled and committed workforce, using opportunities to share learning experiences
- Purposeful and collaborative work with families - "Signs of Safety"
- Improving educational attainment - "Raising the Bar"

Suffolk Children & Young People's Plan 2014 - 2017

Our Vision:

To enable all children and young people in Suffolk to aspire to, and achieve their full potential, giving them the basis for a successful life as active members of their community

Welcome to Suffolk's 3 year Children and Young People's Plan. Our Plan sets out how organisations, families and communities will work together to improve outcomes for children and young people in Suffolk.

The new strategic plan brings together a range of priorities and activities within a single vision. It identifies how we will improve outcomes for children, young people and families in Suffolk.

Our plan does not attempt to cover the detail of the many actions and projects that will deliver our priorities. The detail can be found

in supporting strategies and action plans which are available on the Children's Trust website: www.transformingsuffolk.co.uk/partnerships/childrens-trust

The plan reflects the close working relationship between the Local Safeguarding Children Board, the Health & Wellbeing Board, the Corporate Parenting Board and the Children's Trust Joint Commissioning Group.

Our priorities are areas of focus where improvement is needed and where all partners can make the most difference if we work together.

Our priorities for 2014-17 are:

1. Giving every child in Suffolk the best start in life

Ensuring help for families at the earliest point, improving children's life chances and reducing demand for crisis services.

2. Giving every child in Suffolk the opportunity to learn and achieve

Raising the Bar

3. Keeping every child in Suffolk safe from harm

Keeping vulnerable children and young people safe and preventing harm

4. Targeting support for children and families who need it most

Integrated and preventative help for families at a local level



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Giving every child in Suffolk the best start in life

Focus:

- Early intervention and prevention
- Promoting family focus
- Supporting parents to improve their own circumstances

2

Giving every child in Suffolk opportunity to learn and achieve

Focus:

- Increase the number of good and outstanding schools and to improve results and progress
- Embed system led improvement focussed on school to school support, led and promoted by a newly established Learning Partnership
- Focussed and sustained effort to attract and retain good and outstanding teachers in Suffolk
- To increase primary and secondary pupils' understanding of work opportunities and employability skills through further development of the education/employer brokerage and providing an online platform to showcase the Economy

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Keeping every child in Suffolk safe from harm

Focus:

- Reduction of risks associated with hidden harm
- Reduction of risks associated with technology
- Prevention of homelessness for 16/17 year olds
- Suitable housing for young people and care leavers

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Targeting support for children and families who need it most

Focus:

- Improve health outcomes for looked after children and care leavers in Suffolk
- Establish an integrated and effective early help offer at local level for children, young people and families.
- Develop and communicate Suffolk's 'Local Offer' of services to support children with disabilities or who have special educational needs and their families.
- Strengthen our multi-agency partnerships to ensure assessment and planning processes are more integrated and robust and that families are at the heart of decision making
- Young People have access to Positive Activities to improve their wellbeing



Children & Young Peoples Plan- Governance

