

## **Kirklees Children's Partnership – Future Working**

### **1. Ambition for Kirklees Children, Young People and Families**

Kirklees is a great place to grow up where every child and young person:

- Is safe and loved, healthy and happy and free from harm.
- Has the chance to make the most of their talents, skills and qualities to fulfil their potential.

Realising this ambition will mean that every child and young person in Kirklees will:

- Be healthy;
- Stay safe;
- Enjoy and achieve;
- Make a positive contribution, and
- Enjoy economic wellbeing outcomes

**Principles by which the Kirklees Children's and Young People's Partnership Board operates are:**

- **Working together** – essential if the life chances for children and families are to be improved
- **Commitment** to the Kirklees Children's and Young People Partnership – as the partnership through which need will continue to be identified, action planned, resources aligned and progress reviewed
- **Leadership** – the Board will provide strategic leadership and direction to the area-wide system of children's services
- **Integration** – a commitment to seizing the opportunity to make closer integration a reality for the strategy and the planning and provision of services to children and families
- **Creativity** – creating new ways of working and to seize opportunities to make a reality of closer integration to improve outcomes for children and families as well as managing reductions in funding
- **Adaptability** – to respond to changes and reductions in resources, to continually review priorities and the focus of partner organisations
- **Prioritising children** – the commitment to children and young people remains at the forefront.

**The work of the partnership is driven by the following values:**

- Young people have a positive part to play in their communities and we want Kirklees to be a place where children and young people are able to participate fully alongside adults in the life of their community
- Children and young people are actively involved in the planning and delivery of services from all agencies
- Children and young people should get the best positive start in life and have the opportunity to achieve their full potential
- Services provided should be holistic, flexible and work in an integrated way in localities with all agencies, communities, children and young people and families values should, in some way, touch the lives of all children, young people their families and carers in Kirklees and address issues of equality, diversity and community cohesion.

**2. Framework for Partnership Board Members:**

- All members have a shared understanding about the role of the Children's Partnership.
- All members have a shared understanding re vision, purpose, priorities and collective agreement about delivering outcomes. This will be supported by the production of the Children & Young People Plan.
- All members are confident that they can evidence the purpose in any business discussed and any actions agreed.
- Members will attend meetings and therefore leave any meeting with a clear understanding regarding every item discussed.
- A clear understanding of how the Children's Partnership can evidence vision, purpose, priority and actions.
- A clear understanding of the difference we are making to children and a mechanism to demonstrate this.
- A clear understanding of the 'ask' of members and decision making role.
- A clear understanding of the responsibility members have to feed back to their relevant networks and Senior Managers in their organisation/networks.
- A clear understanding of how the Children's Partnership links with other governance arrangements and the added value of the Children's Partnership.

### **3. Working of the Children & Young People Partnership**

#### **Governance Arrangements:**

- Statement of purpose for the new partnership setting out what the partnership wants for Children and Young People in Kirklees.
- Interaction between Boards and Partnership groups and agenda setting/report sign off.
- There will be a challenge process – between members and regarding strategies/service work.
- Arrangements to be put in place by Council to support the Board and ensure links to other strategic boards.
- Agenda setting to be managed with Senior Leaders.
- The Children and Young People Partnership Board will provide formal oversight and the performance management for the delivery of the priorities in the Children & Young People Plan. It will also provide challenge to key strategies and actions as required.

#### **Arrangements to include Voice of the Child in the work of the Board:**

- Regular dialogue with young people (which will include Youth Council, Children in Care Council and other youth voice groups) by the Board to influence priorities and actions.
- Bringing the experience of children & young people to life so Board members can be confident that the work of the Board is making a difference and improving outcomes.
- Development of cases studies with contributions by all members.
- Challenge to delivery and priorities by Children & Young People.

#### **The requirement and ask of all representatives:**

- Membership – the right people/organisations as members of the Board.
- Authority to be provided by organisations and networks with agreed feedback/communication for Board members.
- Delivery and outcomes agreed as part of the Plan.
- There will be expectations of attendance/substitution by all Board members for all meetings.
- Attendance by non-Board members to be supported when helpful to agenda discussions.

- Actions by Board members – expectations that Board members will follow through as agreed when decisions made.
- Budget arrangements and resource allocations within organisations as agreed to meet outcomes.

**Evidence of impacts and delivery of outcomes:**

- The revised Children and Young People Plan sets out the agreed priorities.
- The partnership will work as an alliance so they have in scope a broader overview which includes inequalities in health and well-being in order to contribute to the key Kirklees strategies-Health and Wellbeing and Economic.
- Exception reporting by partnership leads. There will be agreed report expectations of all staff.
- Intelligence led approach and use of performance reporting/monitoring.