

<b>KIRKLEES HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING BOARD</b>	
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	<b>November 2020</b>
<b>TITLE OF PAPER:</b>	<b>Children and Young People’s Plan priority updates</b>
<b>1. Purpose of paper</b>	<p>The purpose of this paper is to inform the Health and Wellbeing Board on the work in delivering the Children and Young People’s Plan Priorities.</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Board has a central role in the governance of this work and it is important that it is sighted on its key developments.</p> <p>The Board’s insight and comments on the progress made in developing the Children and Young People’s Plan priorities is welcome.</p>
<b>2. Background</b>	<p><b>The Children and Young People’s Plan</b></p> <p>There is no longer a statutory requirement to produce a Children and Young People’s Plan. However, there is consensus that a Plan provides a collective focus and clarity about priorities to be championed and addressed across the Partnership. Work with the new Children and Young People’s Partnership has focussed on assessing intelligence and insight from a range of sources to agree priorities. (e.g. KJSA, Year 9 Health Survey, Community Hubs’ insight; young people’s voice and influence work and commentary; service key performance data on outcomes for the child population and for specific vulnerable groups).</p> <p>In November 2019, the Health &amp; Wellbeing Board agreed to take responsibility for providing governance and oversight of three new Children and Young People’s Plan priorities and agreed a format to do so. The updates for the three priorities are attached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To support inclusion and better outcomes for LGBT+ young people</b> –This work programme is coordinated in collaboration with the Brunswick Centre’s yOUTH project.</li> <li>• <b>To grow our youth offer – places to go, people to see, things to do.</b> This work is being developed and delivered through the new Youth Programme Development Board arrangements.</li> <li>• <b>To tackle child poverty</b> – This priority is being developed in collaboration with Tackling Poverty Partnership and its draft Action Plan work.</li> </ul> <p><b>Governance and Accountability</b></p> <p>In 2019 discussions with relevant portfolio holders and senior officers in the council led to the proposal that the Health and Wellbeing Board take on the oversight of this work.</p> <p>The rationale for this was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board already has oversight for a range of local planning and services</li> <li>• The Board’s membership includes the relevant cross-sector organisations</li> <li>• The contribution that the Children and Young People’s Plan makes to achieving the Health and Wellbeing Strategy</li> </ul>

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<p><b>3. Proposal</b></p> <p>a) That the Board maintains its support to develop the CYP Partnership as an open forum focussed on improving children's outcomes</p> <p>b) The Board maintains its responsibility for providing governance and oversight of the three Children and Young People's Plan priorities</p>
<p><b>4. Financial Implications</b></p> <p>None at this stage.</p>
<p><b>5. Sign off</b></p> <p>Mel Meggs, Director for Children's Services</p>
<p><b>6. Next Steps</b></p> <p>a) Work will continue to disseminate and secure awareness of the Children and Young People's Plan and Partnership arrangements</p> <p>b) Working groups and Thematic Partnerships will continue to develop working and reporting arrangements for the priorities in the Plan</p> <p>c) The HWB Board will receive an update on progress to deliver the Plan's priorities every 6 months. The format for reports updating the HWB on the priorities was agreed last year and the work outlines for each area are attached.</p>
<p><b>7. Recommendations</b></p> <p>The Kirklees Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:</p> <p>a) Continue to endorse the working arrangements for the Children's Partnership</p> <p>b) Comment on the new Children and Young People's Plan updates attached</p>
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**Priority: Inclusion and Outcomes for LGBT+ Young People.**

**Why is this a priority?**

14% of respondents to the Kirklees Year 9 Health survey in 2018 identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. The figure increased to 15% in 2019. Both the 2018 and 2019 figures include the 5% of young people who said that they were unsure about their sexual orientation or defined themselves in some other way. National and local evidence identifies that LGBT+ young people face additional barriers to achieving their full potential as a consequence of their experience or fear of discrimination.

The Kirklees Year 9 Health Survey identified that our young LGBT population is more likely to experience poor mental health, to adopt risky health behaviours (including smoking, drinking, risky sexual behaviour, higher self harm rates, comparative lack of personal support, and higher experiences of crime & bullying

Consultation with local young LGBT+ people and partners working with young people acknowledged a need to improve awareness of concerns and determine what good practice in this area looks like for services to respond more appropriately and fairly.

There is evidence to show that trans people have on average higher levels of educational attainment, yet experience disproportionate levels of unemployment, homelessness and domestic abuse [source: Transforming Outcomes report 2018, LGBT Foundation]

LGBT people are disproportionately affected by poor mental health (NHS digital 2018). Stonewall (2017) noted that 61% of LGB and 84% of trans young people self-harm; 70% of LGB and 72% of trans youth have suicidal thoughts and 22% LGB and 45% trans young people have attempted suicide.

The Children and Young People’s Partnership used data and insight on the issue to consult partners and agree that this area of work is a high priority for the Partnership.

**Outcomes:**

**To narrow the gap in health inequalities for LGBT+ young people and the Kirklees child population.**

The year 9 Health survey will be used to track progress in improving outcomes as this provides local, robust evidence. Changes in experience and behaviours can be tracked year on year. In 2018, data evidenced:

	2018 All pupils	2018 LGBT+	2019 All Pupils	2019 LGBT+
<b>‘I worry most days’</b>	40%	64%	35%	64%
<b>‘I have someone to talk to’</b>	40%	25%		
<b>‘I have no-one to talk to’</b>			14%	35%
<b>When I have a problem I...</b>				
<b>Eat More</b>	22%	32%	16%	32%
<b>Eat less</b>	13%	31%	12%	31%
<b>Smoke:</b>	3%	13%	3%	11%
<b>Drink</b>	3%	16%	3%	11%
<b>Take drugs</b>	2%	10%	3%	9%

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Work with the Brunswick Centre's yOUTH project (for LGBT+ young people and their friends and families) provides insight in to lived experience. The yOUTH project is undertaking longitudinal research that informs practice and direction for this priority.

### **Key Focus:**

*There are four workstreams for this priority:*

- 1. Developing resources and training for services to effectively and confidently meet the needs of LGBT+ young people and improve inclusive practice*
- 2. Voice and influence work with LGBT+ young people*
- 3. Work to celebrate the LGBT+ community and challenge transphobia and homophobia*
- 4. Work to improve data quality and monitoring about LGBT+ people and issues to better understand experiences and where to focus effort.*

### **Actions & progress:**

#### **Workstream 1:**

- Collated a signposting list of best practice resources to support partners to address CPD needs;*
- A Relationships Sex & Health Education Charter has been developed with input from LGBT+ YP;*
- 4 x 90-minute webinars were delivered for 24 participants on sexual orientation and gender identity in April & May 2020;*
- We are developing an 'LGBT+ champions' training programme, network and handbook, to be implemented in 2021. This will support partners to improve inclusive practice.*

#### **Workstream 2:**

- Brunswick Centre delivers monthly Voice & Influence sessions (currently online). This group responds to services' requests for LGBT+ engagement and consultation and leads a 'Mystery Shopping' project to survey LGBT+ inclusion and access in partner agencies.*
- Work with the Regional Youth Work Unit to engage with & lobby MPs on LGBT+ issues.*
- We are engaging with generic youth provision to support their inclusive practice. E.g. supporting groups to have opportunities for YP to discuss issues of inclusion and identity; advice on developing an inclusive curriculum in open access provision*

#### **Workstream 3:**

- encouraging attendance and sharing information about LGBT+ History Month events (February), IDAHT Events (May 17<sup>th</sup> is International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia); Pride (June). Info about online events was circulated to partners.*
- Commissioning the LGBT+ youth group to develop short 'This is me' animations / videos to be used to increase awareness, promote inclusive practice and offer the participants the opportunity to influence, and develop creative and technical skills.*

#### **Workstream 4**

- CK Careers and NHCFT are in the early stages of a project to develop practice in collecting identity markers of service users to track differences of experience, opportunity and outcomes.*
- Kirklees Intelligence team are working with young people to shape identity questions in the annual Y9 Health Survey Work with to improve the availability of LGBT+ data and practice in this area*

### **Leadership:**

*A Partnership Working Group meets every 2 months to manage and review this work. Membership is: Jean Hatton, Senior lecturer, Huddersfield University; Kate Ribchester – Targeted Interventions Coordinator, The Base; Kay Parry – Engagement Officer, One Voice team, Kirklees Council; Mabe Keogh – Senior Project Leader, Northorpe Hall CFT; Mary White – Commissioning & Partnerships Manager, Kirklees Council; Russell Oxley – Service manager, yOUTH Project, the Brunswick Centre; Sarah Grant – Learning Partner, Kirklees Council; Susan Greenwood – Kirklees Youth Alliance*

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### **Priority: To Grow Our Youth Offer – Places to Go, People to See, Things to Do.**

#### **Why is this a priority?**

The Children and Young People's Partnership identified this priority after considering a range of data, intelligence and insight on the positive and preventative impact that engaging in informal learning opportunities can have on young people's outcomes, especially vulnerable and marginalized young people. Austerity had a significant impact on the provision of youth services, particularly statutory funding and provision. Locally, £7.5m per annum of funding was taken out of the system between 2014 and 2017.

*Places to go, people to see and things to do* are particularly important for children and young people's physical, social and emotional development. Youth provision provides spaces for trusted adults to develop positive relationships with young people and opportunity for young people to receive support when this is not readily available in their home and school lives. Youth provision can be an important early warning and support system, as well as a source of fun, informal learning, and achievement.

#### **Outcomes:**

The Youth Development Programme workstreams have a particular contribution to make to Best Start and Aspire & Achieve shared partnership outcomes. The workstreams (see below) are identifying measurable outcomes that will then be considered by the YPDB to agree some overall Board outcomes.

Perhaps the most significant outcomes of this work will be the increased capacity and resources to deliver effective local youth work.

#### **Key Focus:**

This work is being delivered through the Youth Development Programme Board. The work streams are:

- Detached Youth Work – targeted work with young people at risk
- Youth Places – developing appropriate facilities, safe spaces and provision for youth work
- Practice Model – integrating practice and services for especially vulnerable young people (
- Youth / Community Offer – generic, preventative places to go, people to see, things to do in young people's own community settings
- Prevention Pathway – linking closely with the Youth / Community Offer, and providing early support to young people who may otherwise be at risk.

#### **Actions & progress:**

- A Youth Programme Development Board has been established, chaired by the Director for Children & Families. Terms of Reference have been agreed and work programmes are developed or in development for the workstreams
- A detached youth work and a play team have now been recruited to fully, and a framework developed to commission third sector partners to co-deliver detached work
- Significant work across the partnership to respond to the pandemic – including the development of Youth Central as an online space for youth work, work with partners to understand and respond to relevant Covid 19 guidance to be able to make safe offers of provision or online alternatives.
- A new practice model - The Youth Engagement Service (YES) - has been developed. YES is an amalgamation of services working with young people to provide support and interventions when risks of exploitation are identified. YES services include Risk & Vulnerability, Youth Intervention and Youth Offending Teams (non-statutory work) with

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additional support from Multi Systemic Therapy, Early Support, Detached Youth Work and partner agencies.

- There is political appetite for Places To Go (including additional activities for young people) to be spread across the district. This work needs co-production with young people to seek their views on appropriate, accessible spaces, alongside collaboration and planning with third sector providers, regeneration programmes (such as Blueprint), and national enablers, Onside.
- The Our Voice team have undertaken some detached work across Kirklees over the summer to gain an understanding of how the pandemic has affected young people. They are currently revisiting that work.

Covid 19 lockdown, regulations and restrictions are having an inevitable effect on the provision of 'live' group based youth provision, with restrictions on numbers able to attend, access to buildings and the availability of staff and volunteers.

### **Leadership:**

The Youth Programme Development Board was established in late 2019. It is chaired by the Director for Children & Families. The four workstreams are each chaired by a senior manager in Kirklees Youth Alliance (Community Youth Work Offer) and Children and Young People's Services (Detached Youth Work; Youth Engagement Service & Youth Places).

A wide range of organisations are represented on the workstreams and the Board and workstreams, including:

Brunswick Centre; Children with a Disability; CK Careers; Communities Service; Conscious Youth; Detached Youth Work team; Elected members; Greenspace; Housing Services; HTAFC Foundation; Huddersfield Giants / The Zone; Huddersfield University; Kirklees Active Leisure; Kirklees College; Kirklees Youth Alliance; Learning & Early Support; Local Integrated Partnerships; Local Services 2U; Northorpe Hall Child & Family Trust; One Voice Team; PIVOT; Public Health; Resources, Improvement & Partnerships; Safeguarding & Corporate Parenting; School Community Hub representatives; Shape Lindley; The Base / CGL; West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service; West Yorkshire Police; Yorkshire Children's Centre; Youth Offending Team.

**Priority: Reducing the Effects of Poverty on Children**

**Why is this a priority?**

*‘Poverty has a significant impact of the lives of people who are experiencing it. It can affect life chances, the ability to find and maintain employment, the quality of housing which is affordable and the ability to ensure that it is heated to a comfortable level. Living in poverty also has a significant impact on physical and emotional health.’ - Kirklees Joint Strategic Assessment*

Reducing the effects of poverty on children is identified as a priority by the Children and Young People’s Partnership because poverty has an impact on children and families’ daily lives, and on children’s life chances and outcomes. Children living in poverty are more likely than their peers to have poorer educational, employment and mental and physical health outcomes.

The Partnership decided to focus on poverty because of its obvious contribution to good – and poor – outcomes, and because addressing the effect of poverty on children requires the whole system to collaborate to have an impact.

At age 4/5, 74% of children from the 20% most deprived areas have a healthy weight – and 85% of children from the most affluent quintile are a healthy weight. At age 10/11, the figures are 58% (most deprived) and 68% (least deprived).

There are gaps in educational outcomes between children who are eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their peers at the start and the end of statutory education:

**Early Years Foundation Stage Scores “attaining a good level of development”:**

	<b>2018 All pupils</b>	<b>2018 FSM pupils</b>	<b>2019 All pupils</b>	<b>2019 FSM pupils</b>
<b>Kirklees</b>	69.4%	55%	69.7%	55%
<b>Y&amp;H</b>	69.4%	54%	70%	54%
<b>England</b>	71.5%	57%	71.8%	57%

**Average Attainment 8 Score (i.e. average grade across 8 subjects):**

	<b>2018 not FSM pupils</b>	<b>2018 FSM pupils</b>	<b>2019 not FSM pupils</b>	<b>2019 FSM pupils</b>
<b>Kirklees</b>	48	34.9	48.4	33.4
<b>Y&amp;H</b>	47	33.2	47.6	33.7
<b>England</b>	48.4	34.5	48.6	34.9

Source – Kirklees JSNA / Kirklees Learning Service

**Outcomes:**

**The outcomes that we are tracking to measure who lives with poverty are:**

**1 Eligibility for Free School Meals**

**In January 2020, 19.1%** of primary school pupils were eligible for free school meals (17.7% nationally); **22.8%** of secondary school pupils are eligible for free school meals (**15.9%** nationally).

Both rates have increased year-on-year: Primary 2017/18: **17.8%** (**13.8%** nationally); 2018/19: **18.3%** (**15.8%** nationally); Secondary 2017/18: **20.1%** (**12.4%** nationally); 2018/19: **21.6%** (**14.1%** nationally).

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Covid-19's economic impact can be evidenced in the in-year rise in eligibility and claims for Free School Meals. In January 2020, **13,628 pupils** / 19.6% claimed FSM; On 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020, **15,541** / 22.4% of pupils were claiming.

**2 The proportion of 0-15-year-olds living in relative poverty** in Kirklees and nationally. This has been increasing year-on-year:

**2018/19: 25.9%** of 0-15-year-olds are living in relative poverty (**18.5%** nationally); this is around **23,200 young people** across Kirklees, an upward trend.

For comparison, earlier data is:

2017/18: **23.5%** of 0-15-year-olds are living in relative poverty (**18.2%** nationally)

2016/17: **21.9%** of 0-15-year-olds are living in relative poverty (**17.2%** nationally)

2015/16: **21.5%** of 0-15-year-olds are living in relative poverty (**16.4%** nationally)

2014/15: **20.7%** of 0-15-year-olds are living in relative poverty (**15.5%** nationally)

In 2018/19, more than **2 in 3** of these children are from working families (**18.2%** v **7.7%** from non-working families). (Source: PHIU)

### Key Focus:

Areas of focus have been co-produced with Children and Young People's Partnership and Tackling Poverty Partnership members. They are:

- Working with schools and others to develop and share good practice in relation to 'poverty proofing', promoting a high take up of Free School Meals and encouraging improved financial literacy for young people
- Work across the Children and Young People's Partnership to address the food and activity needs of young people through the whole year, including the support required over weekends and during holidays
- Supporting the work of the Economic Partnership to address the particular needs and inequalities of young people in and entering the labour market.

### Actions & progress:

- Partners have worked as part of the cross agency council led Tackling Poverty Partnership to develop the draft Tackling Poverty Action Plan. The March 2020 CYP Partnership meeting consulted with partners to share information, provide challenge, gain insight and intelligence about children and families' experiences of poverty and contribute to the emerging strategy and action plans
- Contributing to the development of the Inequalities Plan and Inequalities commission, which will include a focus on learning from people with lived experiences of inequalities, including poverty.
- The Partnership's work is also influencing work on economic recovery, with a focus on the disproportionate effect of Covid-19 on young people entering learning and the labour market. The June 2020 CYP Partnership meeting focussed on young people's transition in to the labour market.
- Covid-19 response work to support families in crisis to access food, benefits and other needs based support during the pandemic.

### Leadership:

Work in this area is being led by the Tackling Poverty Partnership. The Partnership's draft Tackling Poverty Plan has immediate priorities (related to the pandemic) with medium and long term actions and priorities for sustained interventions.