

KIRKLEES HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD	
MEETING DATE:	15th July 2021
TITLE OF PAPER:	Children and Young People's Plan priority updates
1. Purpose of paper	<p>The purpose of this paper is update 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>
2. Background	<p>In November 2019, the Health & Wellbeing Board agreed to take responsibility for providing governance and oversight of the Children's Partnership arrangements in Kirklees, including the new Children and Young People's Plan priorities. The Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference were revised to reflect this responsibility.</p> <p>The Board received a report in November 2020 outlining the priorities in the Children and Young People's Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support inclusion and better outcomes for LGBT+ young people –This work programme is coordinated in collaboration with the Brunswick Centre's yOUTH project. • To grow our youth offer – places to go, people to see, things to do. This work is being developed and delivered through the new Youth Programme Development Board arrangements. • To tackle child poverty – This priority is being developed in collaboration with Tackling Poverty Partnership and its draft Action Plan work. <p>Details of the rationale, outcomes and key focus for each priority are detailed in the Appendix.</p> <p>The Board also agreed to receive regular (approximately 6 monthly) updates on progress.</p>
3. Proposal	<p>That the Board receives a presentation highlighting progress in delivering the Children and Young People's Plan priorities</p>
4. Financial Implications	<p>None at this stage.</p>
5. Sign off	<p>Mel Meggs, Director for Children's Services</p>

6. Next Steps

- a) Work will continue to disseminate and secure awareness of the Children and Young People's Plan and Partnership arrangements.
- b) Working groups and Thematic Partnerships will continue to develop working and reporting arrangements for the priorities in the Plan
- c) The HWB Board will receive a further update on progress to deliver the Plan's priorities in early 2022.

7. Recommendations

The Kirklees Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- a) Comment on the Children and Young People's Plan updates attached
- b) Continue to endorse the working arrangements for the Children's Partnership

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APPENDIX

Priority: Inclusion and Outcomes for LGBT+ Young People.																																																						
<p>Why is this a priority?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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]</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>																																																						
<p>Outcomes:</p> <p>To narrow the gap in health inequalities for LGBT+ young people and the Kirklees child population.</p> <p>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:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2018 All pupils</th> <th>2018 LGBT+</th> <th>2019 All Pupils</th> <th>2019 LGBT+</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>‘I worry most days’</td> <td>40%</td> <td>64%</td> <td>35%</td> <td>64%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>‘I have someone to talk to’</td> <td>40%</td> <td>25%</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>‘I have no-one to talk to’</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>14%</td> <td>35%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>When I have a problem I...</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eat More</td> <td>22%</td> <td>32%</td> <td>16%</td> <td>32%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eat less</td> <td>13%</td> <td>31%</td> <td>12%</td> <td>31%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Smoke:</td> <td>3%</td> <td>13%</td> <td>3%</td> <td>11%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drink</td> <td>3%</td> <td>16%</td> <td>3%</td> <td>11%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Take drugs</td> <td>2%</td> <td>10%</td> <td>3%</td> <td>9%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>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.</p>						2018 All pupils	2018 LGBT+	2019 All Pupils	2019 LGBT+	‘I worry most days’	40%	64%	35%	64%	‘I have someone to talk to’	40%	25%			‘I have no-one to talk to’			14%	35%	When I have a problem I...					Eat More	22%	32%	16%	32%	Eat less	13%	31%	12%	31%	Smoke:	3%	13%	3%	11%	Drink	3%	16%	3%	11%	Take drugs	2%	10%	3%	9%
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<p>Key Focus:</p> <p><i>There are four workstreams for this priority:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Developing resources and training for services to effectively and confidently meet the needs of LGBT+ young people and improve inclusive practice</i> <i>2. Voice and influence work with LGBT+ young people</i> <i>3. Work to celebrate the LGBT+ community and challenge transphobia and homophobia</i> 																																																						

Work to improve data quality and monitoring about LGBT+ people and issues to better understand experiences and where to focus effort

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.

Priority: Reducing the Effects of Poverty on Children

Why is this a priority?

'Poverty has a significant impact on 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":				
	2018 All pupils	2018 FSM pupils	2019 All pupils	2019 FSM pupils
Kirklees	69.4%	55%	69.7%	55%
Y&H	69.4%	54%	70%	54%
England	71.5%	57%	71.8%	57%
Average Attainment 8 Score (i.e. average grade across 8 subjects):				
	2018 not FSM pupils	2018 FSM pupils	2019 not FSM pupils	2019 FSM pupils
Kirklees	48	34.9	48.4	33.4
Y&H	47	33.2	47.6	33.7
England	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).

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 23rd 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.