

Childrens and Young People Plan 2019 – 2022

Report of the Chief Officer Children's Services

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Cabinet (and confirmation under the provisions of the Council's Constitution) before taking effect.

Recommendation:

Members of the committee are invited to comment on the draft Childrens and Young People Plan 2019 – 2022 which will be presented to Cabinet in April.

1. Background/Introduction

- 1.1 The Devon Children and Families Partnership (DCFP) was established in 2018 in response to the Wood Review reforms subsequently set out in statutory guidance, Working Together 2018. The DCFP strategic plan will set out the vision and priorities for children and families in Devon for the next three years.
- 1.2 The DCFP is led by three local safeguarding partners, Devon County Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Devon and Cornwall Police. Membership of the partnership spans education, including schools, social care, public health, CCG, health providers, district councils, voluntary sector, police and children and families.
- 1.3 The partnership has responsibility for to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in Devon. To do this, partners need to work together effectively. The core purpose of the partnership is to ensure that children and families get the right support, in the right place, at the right time.

2. Building the Plan

- 2.1 The development of the CYPP has been coordinated by the DCFP through a range of multi-agency events with key partners and stakeholders. This new plan refreshes the commitments we made and the direction we set in 2017 when we published our Delivery Plan for Devon's Children's Services 2017-2018.
- 2.2 The voice of children and families in Devon has been a critical foundation to the priorities of the plan. This has been drawn from a range of key engagement activities over the last two years. We will continue to engage with children and families about the plan and the priorities to refine and demonstrate our impact. At a partnership level we have reviewed data about our population in Devon taken from the Joint Strategic Needs Analysis and Devon Children and Young People's Sustainability and Transformation Plan Data Pack. This informed priorities within the CYPP.
- 2.3 Working Together 2018 requires independent scrutiny of the effectiveness of the partnership in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We intend that the independent scrutiny will precede the annual plan refresh, and will include all stakeholders, including children and young people.

3. Style of the Plan

- 3.1 The CYPP will be succinct and public facing and will clearly highlight areas that require partnership focus over the coming 3 years to deliver positive change for children and young people in Devon.
- 3.2 We will use the DCFP website to share the CYPP and use other forms of media, such as videos, to communicate our shared vision for children and their families. We will provide briefings for staff across Devon using our existing infrastructures.
- 3.3 The DCFP has a unifying purpose:
Ensuring children and families can get the right support, in the right place, at the right time
#WeAreDevon – Working Together for Families
- 3.4 The plan sets out our commitments to ways of working and our priorities. A presentation of the plan will be provided at the meeting.
- 3.5 The CYPP is aligned to other key plans, such as the Sustainability and Transformation Plan the Health and Well-Being Strategy and the Safer Devon Partnership Plan. Delivery plans for each priority are being created alongside partners and relevant multi-agency groups that will identify specific actions and expected timescales for reaching the goals set out in the CYPP.

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