

**Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board**  
**13 November 2014**

**Children's Trust Briefing**

This paper outlines the activity of the Children's Trust since the last update which was provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board in July 2014.

1. The Children's Trust has adopted **new terms of reference**, which were discussed earlier in this Health and Wellbeing Board meeting.

These allow for a renewed focus for the Trust's work, and a clearer delineation between it and other Boards, including the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board. This had been identified as an 'area for improvement' by OFSTED following their inspection of children's services, published in June 2014.

The Trust now meets more frequently – six times a year (one of which is to be in public) - and has a bolstered membership. The Trust is now better placed to deliver on its responsibility of having oversight of multi-agency strategic planning and to jointly monitor improvement of children's services in Oxfordshire.

2. The Trust has met twice since the last update and discussed and fed into on issues including:
  - a. The new **Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub** which launched in October. It was noted that the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub represented a significant step forward in partnership working, but it was requested that the messaging made is clear that health agencies were full partners in its work.
  - b. The **Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Review**. The Trust made a number of suggestions on what should be included in the review, including the importance of the link between children's and adults' services, and requested the issue be brought back to the next meeting to evaluate the recommendations coming out of the Review.
  - c. The **Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board's Annual Report**. The report was welcomed and it triggered a discussion around best practice in early intervention which the Trust is interested in investigating.
  - d. **Public Health responsibilities** with regards to children and young people in Oxfordshire. The Trust requested that information on Drug and Alcohol services for children and young people, both as children of drug users and as potential users themselves, be brought to a future Trust meeting.
3. The Trust also started work on a **new Children and Young People's Plan**. The Plan will drive the work of the Children's Trust over the next three years

and is jointly authored by all of the Trust's members. It is based on evidence from the Oxfordshire Children's Needs Analysis, 2014.

A draft of the Plan will be discussed at the next Children's Trust meeting, later this month, and it is expected that the Plan will go out for public consultation in December.

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