

Appendix 1: Health Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation Response Pro Forma

Where a joint health overview and scrutiny committee makes a report or recommendation to a responsible person (a relevant NHS body or a relevant health service provider [this can include the County Council]), the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 provide that the committee may require a response from the responsible person to whom it has made the report or recommendation and that person must respond in writing within 28 days of the request.

This template provides a structure which respondents are encouraged to use. However, respondents are welcome to depart from the suggested structure provided the same information is included in a response. The usual way to publish a response is to include it in the agenda of a meeting of the body to which the report or recommendations were addressed.

Issue: Children's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Strategy

Lead Cabinet Member(s) or Responsible Person:

- Cllr John Howson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services.
- Cllr Kate Gregory – Cabinet Member for SEND.
- Anne Coyle – Interim Corporate Director of Children's Services.
- Ansaf Azhar – Corporate Director for Public Health.

It is requested that a response is provided to each of the recommendations outlined below:

Deadline for response: Tuesday 16th January 2023

Response to report:

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Response to recommendations:

| Recommendation | Accepted, rejected or partially accepted | Proposed action (including if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale. |
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| <p>1. To work on developing explicit and comprehensive navigation tools for improving communication and referral for services at the neighbourhood level and within communities. It is recommended that piloting such navigation tools in specific communities may be a point of consideration.</p> | | |
| <p>2. To ensure adequate co-production with children and their families as part of continuing efforts to deliver the strategy, including considerations of how children and families can be placed at the heart of commissioning. It is also recommended for an early review with the users of the digital offer once this becomes available; to include testing with neurodivergent children and other children known to be at higher risk of mental ill health.</p> | | |
| <p>3. To continue to explore and secure specific and sustainable sources of funding for the Strategy to be effectively delivered in the long-run.</p> | | |

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| <p>4. To ensure that children and young people and their families continue to receive support that is specifically tailored toward their needs. It is recommended that a Needs-Based Approach is explicitly adopted, as opposed to a purely Diagnosis-Based Approach. This could allow for early intervention to be initiated as soon as possible.</p> | | |
| <p>5. That consideration is given to the use of a simple and evidence-based standardised evaluation measure, that is suitable across all services that are working on Children's mental health in community settings.</p> | | |