

Divisions Affected -

OXFORDSHIRE HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

– 26 June 2025

REPORTS FROM PARTNERSHIP BOARDS - CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD

Report by Lisa Lyons

RECOMMENDATION

1. **The Health and Wellbeing Board is RECOMMENDED to**

Receive the information on the updates of the Children's Trust Board for the last nine months of activity.

Executive Summary

2. The Children's Trust Board was refreshed and relaunched in October 2024. The basis of the work of the Children's Trust Board to oversee strategic priorities across the system, is set with the framework of the [Children and Young People's Plan 2024-2028](#).
3. The strategic focus is also rooted in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the objectives of 'Start Well.'

Activity of the Children's Trust Board

4. To date the Children's Trust Board has met on three occasions.
5. **October 2024**
This was the initial meeting of the Children's Trust Board, and a vice chair was nominated with Jodie Lloyd-Jones from Oxfordshire Youth sitting as Vice chair.

The Board received the following systems reports:

- Approval of the Children and Young People's Strategic Plan 2024-2028.
- Governance Review of the Children's Trust Board in relation to other statutory boards and committees.
- An overview of the strategic data sets based upon 'Start Well.'

- An Introduction to the principles of a Child First County model for Oxfordshire.
- An update on the work plan of the Future Generations activity.
- Receipt of the Annual report of the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children's Board 2023-24, followed by an introduction of the regulatory changes brought about by 'Working Together 2023' and the impending publication of new Safeguarding Arrangements to form an Oxfordshire Children's Safeguarding Partnership to replace the board arrangements.
- An introduction to the development of an Oxfordshire Education and Inclusion Partnership across all schools and settings in the County. The Board was provided information to show the strategic governance in education and how the Partnership would develop strategies for education achievement and strategy development.
- A review and analysis of the annual Youth justice Plan 2024 and for Consideration of the themes of the Annual Youth Justice plan and work on outcomes for children at risk of entering the criminal justice system.

6. **January 2025**

The Children's Trust Board received and provided overview to the following priorities:

- An introduction to the partnership of the impending changes in respect of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill 2024.
- Strategic information on the approach, timescales, and responsibilities of partner agencies to the system change under the Families First Agenda.
- A partnership and system leader induction into Family Safeguarding as a model of practice and intervention across the child system. The induction was provided by the Centre for Family Safeguarding from Hertfordshire.
- The Children's Trust Board received and signed off the Early help and Prevention strategy which draws together strategic intent of partners and stakeholder across the early help and graduated prevention of services and 'place.'
- In Achieve Well there were updates on outcomes for the September Guarantee figures for employment, education and training and a review of the public data on education attainment across Oxfordshire.

7. **April 2025**

The Board received and reviewed the following priorities and reports:

- The Virtual school Annual report, reviewing the educational outcomes of children and young people we care for, those previously looked after and children with a social worker.

- Review and sign-off of the Early Years Strategy which along with the delivery plan is the mechanism of delivery for the Best Start in Life priorities pre-birth to 5/8 years.
 - A summary of the Ofsted School Inspections outcomes in Oxfordshire.
 - Outcomes of the peer review from the National youth agency into the development and impact of youth services in Oxfordshire.
 - An update of the work of the Future Generations programme.
8. The Children's Trust Board is the child and young person focused function of Health and Wellbeing Board. Alongside the Health and Wellbeing Board the activity reviewed and assured by the Children's Trust Board continues to meet the objectives of the County Council's Corporate Plan (see [Corporate Plan](#)).

Financial Implications

9. There are no specific financial implications in this update. The Children's Trust Board has no financial decision-making powers.

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Legal Implications

10. There are no legal implications in this report.

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Staff Implications

11. There are no staffing implications in this report.

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Equality & Inclusion Implications

12. The Children's Trust Board oversees impact and outcomes for children and young people across the system. This includes impact and outcome for protected characteristics and disadvantaged cohorts.

Sustainability Implications

13. There are no direct implications in this report.

Risk Management

14. N/A

Consultations

15. N/A

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Annex: Nil

Background papers: Nil

Other Documents: Nil

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