

Health and Wellbeing Board
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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 March 2016. The Trust has met twice since the last update.

Members of the Trust have discussed and fed into issues including:

1. **The impact of increased levels of child protection activity** across all agencies in the system. The Trust discussed concerns raised by partners across the system as a result of an impact assessment conducted by Oxfordshire's Safeguarding Children Board. In particular, housing was identified as a key theme, as well as the workload of the judiciary, the management of service thresholds across agencies and the need to align and integrate services. The Trust accepted oversight of a number of actions to address these issues and tasked individual organisations / officers with activities to report back on later in the year. The Trust will also keep a watching brief on the impact of the transformation work in Children's Social Care and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, which aim to reduce caseloads and improve access to services.
2. **Oxfordshire Youth Voice.** The Trust endorsed the concept of a new, inclusive Youth Council to give children and young people across Oxfordshire a greater voice. It was agreed that the Trust would facilitate and oversee Oxfordshire Youth Voice and a practical approach to including children and young people's voices in future Trust meetings would be developed.
3. **The Young Person's Domestic Abuse Review.** The Trust supported the introduction of a new pathway for young victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse, particularly in light of the findings from the Serious Case Review into Child J. The Trust encouraged further engagement with young people to identify a name for the pathway that will be understood by children/young people as well as professionals. The Trust will continue to receive updates on the implementation of this pathway.
4. **The Joint inspection of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Missing Children in Oxfordshire.** The Trust considered the learning points from a deep dive inspection of Oxfordshire's response to CSE and missing children. Areas for improvement include the front door of services (including the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub), standards of practice in assessment teams and management of resources and performance linked to point 1. These areas match those identified by partners in the local self-assessment and actions plans are already well developed in response to this. Overall, the inspection report reassured the Trust that young people in Oxfordshire are significantly safer from sexual exploitation as a result of all agencies' heightened levels of understanding and investment. The Trust will continue to seek information on progress against the action plan arising from this.
5. **Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) pressures and Transformation Plans.** The Trust was updated on the approach Oxford Health is taking to address key service pressures, including long waiting times, increased case complexity and recruitment issues. The Trust was assured that the

remodelling of CAMHS will further address these challenges. Regular updates will be provided to the Trust on progress with the CAMHS Transformation, including how these plans link in with the reconfiguration of Children's Social Care and Early Intervention Services.

After reaching the end of the first year of a new Children's Plan the Trust considered how effective it has been and agreed to hold a workshop in July to review its role and purpose. The results of this workshop will inform a comprehensive revision of the Children's Plan and will be reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board in November.

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