

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD UPDATE ON CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD

(November 2016 – March 2017)

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## SUMMARY:

This is a summary update on the work of the Children's Trust Board since November 2016.

The update focuses on three key areas of progress made by the Children's Trust Board:

1. Updated Terms of Reference to reflect its new role and purpose
  2. Progress against three priority areas agreed as part of its new focus
  3. The annual refresh of the Children and Young People's Plan (2015-18)
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## UPDATE:

### 1. Updated Terms of Reference

The Children's Trust Board has updated its Terms of Reference in line with its new role and purpose. These are attached to the Agenda for approval.

### 2. A Joint focus on three priorities

Members have agreed a joint, strategic focus on the following three priority areas, to be developed either through task and finish groups or existing groups, which will be responsible to the Trust for delivering against agreed objectives.

#### ***Priority 1: Early Help and Early Intervention.***

***Led by Lucy Butler, Deputy Director, Children's Social Care, Oxfordshire County Council***

A multi-agency steering group has been set up to oversee this work and at its first meeting undertook an initial analysis of current needs, challenges, provision and priorities.

To further support work under this priority, research is also being undertaken by Impower consultancy to help local partners better understand the flow of children through "Early Help" and Social Care to prevent some of the demand on higher cost services.

The research findings will be presented to the Children's Trust Board Meeting on 30 March 2017, when the impact of findings will be discussed and used to further shape and inform how OCC and partners could best respond together.

**Priority 2: Educational attainment for vulnerable groups of children.  
Led by Janet Johnson, Children with SEN Manager, Oxfordshire County  
Council**

The work around this priority comprises four workstreams:

- 1. Sufficient, good quality local specialist provision and reducing reliance on high cost placements*
- 2. Locality approach, developing the skills, expertise and confidence in each locality to support children at lower levels of need*
- 3. Central support services funded from the high needs block*
- 4. Leadership and research*

A steering group will oversee the work and report on progress to the Children's Trust Board.

**Priority 3: Managing transitions into adulthood**

This work is being managed via the Strategic Transitions Group and is not a separate Task and Finish Group of the Children's Trust Board.

A Transitions Change Manager has been appointed and will scope, plan and develop key improvements to the transition pathway for young people moving from children's to adult services, their family and carers.

**5. Annual Refresh of the Children and Young Peoples Plan 2015 -18**

The annual refresh of the current Children and Young Peoples Plan is now underway and a draft refresh will be presented to the Children's Trust Board on 30 March 2017.

A group of young people from VOXY (Voice of Oxfordshire Young People) will also be part of the meeting to agree how the Children's Trust Board and VOXY will work together to ensure that the board is held to account by children and young people.