

## Report to Health and Wellbeing Board

<b>Report from:</b> Children's Trust Board (Chair – Cllr Steve Harrod)
<b>Report Date:</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
<b>Dates of meetings held since the last report:</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 – Virtual meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions
<b>HWB Priorities addressed in this report – A Healthy Start in Life</b>
<b>Link to any published notes or reports:</b> <a href="#">Children &amp; Young People's Plan 2018 - 2022</a>
<b><u>Priorities for 2020-21</u></b>
<p><b>Be Successful</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have the best start in life.</li> <li>2. Access high quality education, employment and training that is motivational.</li> <li>3. Go to school and feel inspired to stay and learn.</li> <li>4. Have good self-esteem and faith in themselves.</li> </ol> <p><b>Priority focus for 2020/21 and 21/22: Focus on children not engaged in education</b></p>
<p><b>Be Happy and Healthy</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Be confident that services are available to promote good health and prevent ill health – early in life and before crisis.</li> <li>6. Learn the importance of healthy, secure relationships and having a support network.</li> <li>7. Access services to improve overall well-being.</li> <li>8. Access easy ways to get active.</li> </ol> <p><b>Priority focus for 2020/21 and 21/22: Focus on social, emotional, physical &amp; mental well-being</b></p>
<p><b>Be Safe</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Be protected from all types of abuse and neglect.</li> <li>10. Have a place to feel safe and a sense of belonging.</li> <li>11. Access education and support about how to stay safe.</li> <li>12. Have access to appropriate housing.</li> </ol> <p><b>Priority focus for 2020/21 and 21/22: Focus on domestic abuse</b></p>
<p><b>Be Supported</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be empowered to know who to speak to when in need of support and know that they will be listened to and believed.</li> <li>2. Access information in a way which suits them best.</li> <li>3. Have inspiring role models.</li> </ol> <p>Talk to staff who are experienced and caring.</p> <p><b>Priority focus for 2020/21 and 21/22</b></p>

## 1. Progress reports on priority work to deliver the Joint HWB Strategy

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Be Successful</b>
<b>Focus</b>	Children not engaged in education
<b>Deliverable</b>	See updated Children and Young People Plan for list of deliverables
<b>Progress report</b>	Reviewed in Sept 2020

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Be Healthy</b>
<b>Focus</b>	Social, emotional, physical and mental well-being
<b>Deliverable</b>	See updated Children and Young People Plan for list of deliverables.
<b>Progress report</b>	Reviewed in Dec 2020 and Mar 2021

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Be Safe</b>
<b>Focus</b>	Domestic Abuse – update was planned in March 2021 meeting but due to sickness didn't happen
<b>Deliverable</b>	See updated Children and Young People Plan for list of deliverables.
<b>Progress report</b>	To be reviewed at the June 2021 meeting

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Be Supported</b>
<b>Focus</b>	Listen to the feedback from young people in Oxfordshire
<b>Deliverable</b>	This deliverable is measured by a standing agenda item, to hear feedback from young people via VOXY. Additionally, via the "Be Supported Survey."
<b>Progress report</b>	To be reviewed at the Jun 2021 meeting  Survey is launched every Jan and will run for 4 weeks. An update is expected at the CTB meeting in June. Due to COVID-19 there has been a delay and has run for 6 weeks

## 2. Note on what is being done in areas rated Red or Amber in the Performance Framework

Performance remains affected by COVID-19; there were no educational results for the last academic year and traditional attendance measures now longer apply. Reporting on some health measures including CAMHS timeliness has been suspended.

### Be Successful

- Since the full return to school more pupils in Oxfordshire are attending school than elsewhere. At the time of writing (mid-May) the latest national figures show 94% of pupils locally were in school compared with 89% nationally. Attendance of more vulnerable children remains comparatively high at 88% for children with an Education, Health and Care Plan compared to 85% nationally
- 83% for children with a social worker compared to 81% nationally

- COVID-19 has also seen an increase in children who are electively home educated. At the end of term 4 there were 930 electively home educated pupils, an increase of 42% on the start of the academic year. Anecdotal evidence is that other areas are seeing greater rises. Nine children who are electively home educated are the subject of a child in need or child protection plan.

Be Healthy

- CAMHS data production has been suspended but the last report for February 2020 timeliness was 41% for the month and 35% for the year to date.
- Levels of hospital activity, which were suppressed in quarter 1 have subsequently risen to expected levels. Even with the drop in quarter 1 the number of Accident & Emergency attendances for self-harm for 16-19 years has increased by 6%.

Be Safe

- This year there has been a 4% increase in domestic incidents and a 17% increase in domestic crimes involving children compared to last year. Reported domestic abuse and crime rates have been rising considerably for some years across the Thames Valley, partly driven by people having greater confidence in being able to report and improved recording within the police. Extensive partnership work took place to reach out to vulnerable people during lockdown including pro-active follow up with repeat callers. Feedback from that work to date indicated no substantive evidence of hidden harm being uncovered.
- Last year the number of MASH enquiries rose by 35%. The increase in demand has been mitigated through 7 additional temporary staff being employed in the MASH. Timeliness of dealing with MASH enquiries improved in the last quarter.
- The increase in MASH contacts has not translated to more children entering social care. The continued development of early help, and implementation of the family solutions model have helped to safely reduce the number of children the subject of child protection plans from over 750 children in June 2018 to 460 by the end of April 2021. We had expected the number of children we care for to follow the child protection trend and reduce but this did not happen last year. Instead the number stayed stable. This is because fewer children are leaving the cared for system. There remains a pressure on placements and the number of people placed out of county and not in neighbouring authorities remains high.

Indicator Number	RAG	What is being done to improve performance?
1.3 Increase the proportion of children that have their first CAMHS appointment within 12 weeks to 75%	N/A	Local and national reporting suspended in March 2020 to allow greater focus on managing COVID-19  The last report for February 2020 timeliness was 41% for the month and 35% for the year to date
1.11 Reduce the persistent absence of children subject to a Child Protection plan	N/A	Data available annually only. This is for 2018/19 academic year
1.1 Reduce the number of children we care (previously looked after children) for to 750 by March 2021	A	Marginal rise to 776 in quarter 4 (20/21) in the year as fewer children left the cared for system

### 3. Summary of other items discussed by the board

- Update on Children & Young People's Plan

Last year the CYP plan was extended by an extra year due to the impact of the pandemic, so it was recommended that the plan should be extended for a further year until 2023. This would be a five-year plan from 2018-2023 as there have been solid work on the priorities and investment of resources. This was agreed by the members. The same priorities remain a focus for the Board.

- Follow up on Early Intervention Development

Document for 'Principle for Early Intervention Development Work (March 2021)' is available upon request from either [colm.OCaomhanaigh@Oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:colm.OCaomhanaigh@Oxfordshire.gov.uk) or [indra.gill@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:indra.gill@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

The above stated document is based on discussions that started in a previous Children's Trust Board meeting on how to best develop Early Help within the county. These discussions led to the key principles proposed in the document and are brought to the meeting for consultation.

The intention is to reflect and discuss how to turn these principles into services design work; how to scale the work; how to adapt and be responsive to the needs of a particular area while providing an offer; how we can collectively meet the needs of children in a systemic way and strengthen the partnership. Other areas of consideration are what is the common skill set that all staff should share; how to avoid being territorial with our buildings; how to reduce the bureaucratic burden?

The idea is to see how to move from principles into design ideas that may be translated into new service arrangements. The Children's Trust Board members are in touch with groups where the work can be consolidated, and governance defined making the best use of our time. This would turn into a plan and business case with potential investments likely over the next year.

The CTB members approved the key principles proposed and next steps.

- OXME (young people's website for Oxfordshire County Council) – revised digital wellbeing offer and campaign - demonstration

Link to the page: <https://oxme.info/wellbeing>

Jessie Dobson gave a presentation on the piece of work they have done on the 'Wellbeing' webpage in the OXME website. They identified three main issues affecting young people (mainly aged from 16 to 19yrs), because of COVID-19. These are anxiety/sleep; isolation/loneliness; and education/employment/training after year 11. This is a lower level of offer for all young people and additional support is on offer for those who may need it.

Regarding the web development, young people are used to looking for information through devices and welcome this initiative. The page works on a 3-click offer. The contents are based on the three areas of concern. There are videos, signposting of routes for support and possible onward referrals. The team is working with partners across Oxfordshire to make them aware that there may be more demand.

The ambition is to have 200 clicks in a month to meet the scale of the problem. We need to start generating interest and discussion and mobilising awareness. Children's Trust

Board members have collaborated with this project and it is very much a partnership initiative.

Forward plan for next meeting

The following items are due to be considered in the forthcoming meeting:

- Children & Young People's Plan Focus Area – Be Safe (report on Domestic Abuse)
- CYPP Implementation Plans – 20-21 Progress and Priorities for 21-22
- Update on Early Intervention Development