

**OXFORDSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
UPDATE REPORT FROM CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD
November 2018**

This is a summary on the work of the Children's Trust Board (CTB), since the report presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in March 2018. The Children's Trust Board met on 21 June 2018 and 19 September 2018.

UPDATE:

1. Children and Young People's Plan 2018 – 2021

The draft Children and Young People's Plan 2018 – 2021 (CYPP) was discussed at the June Children's Trust Board meeting. Updates were made, as agreed at the meeting, and then it was sent to board members for sign off in July 2018. The Plan was finalised and launched in July 2018.

The CYPP supports the draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy's aims of 'A good start in life' and 'Living well'. Specific priorities in the CYPP's areas of focus also help support some of the Strategy's crosscutting themes of 'Tackling Inequalities' and 'Prevent, Reduce, Delay'.

An action has been agreed to discuss and devise a proposal on how best to report performance information through to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

2. Priority Area Monitoring

Since finalising the CYPP in July, each meeting of the CTB focuses on one priority area within the CYPP. The September meeting focused on Priority Area 1 – Children Missing Out on Education, with the following areas discussed:

A new service has been created, with the new Head of Service taking up post in October 2018. The service will focus on the following areas; Inclusion Strategy, Exclusions, Oxfordshire Inclusion Support Team, Attendance, and Elective Home Education

The following priority areas are due to be discussed at the following future meetings:

- Priority Area 2 – Social and Emotional Well-being and Mental Health, December 2018
- Priority Area 3 – Protect Children from Domestic Abuse, March 2019

3. Oxfordshire Children's Trust and OSCB Dataset Performance report for Q1 2018-19

The performance report has been restructured around the four 'areas of focus' in the CYPP. These include; Be Successful, Be Happy and Healthy, and Be Safe. The 'Be

Supported' area of focus runs through all 3 areas of the CYPP and an action has been agreed to clarify how to measure this area, and to establish its effectiveness.

The report highlighted that there are 6 measures off target at the end of Quarter 1.

Be Successful

- Attainment of pupils with Special Educational Needs and Difficulty (SEND) but no statement or Education, Health and Care Plan is not yet in line with the national average. For Key Stage 2 we are currently ranked 7th among our 12 statistical neighbours, and for Key Stage 4 we're ranked at the bottom of the 12.
- The target has not yet been met to reduce the persistent absence of children subject to a Child in Need plan. We are also slightly above the national average.
- Not all pupils that were permanently excluded had a new place within the statutory 6 day limit.

Please cross refer to point 5. below for reporting by the SEND Programme Board.

Be Happy and Healthy

- There has been an increase in the average number of monthly Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service referrals, when looking back at previous years. Discussions are ongoing with the Clinical Commissioning Group regarding performance and addressing the backlog of long waiters.

Be Safe

- The number of children subject to a child protection plan is currently above target.
- The number of looked after children is above target, when considered next to our statistical neighbours.

These issues are subject to ongoing scrutiny and action at a senior level in Children's Social Care and tackling these issues are a key part of the directorate Transformation Plan.

The following positive areas were noted; 98% of Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub red enquiries were dealt with on time, the number of troubled families worked with increased by 11%, the rate of hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children (in April) came in lower than target, and the percentage of care leavers in employment, education and training increased last year and was better than the target.

4. Forward Plan items and Strategic Issues considered

The June 2018 meeting received a report on Social Media and children. The focus of the report was around work being done by the local authority. Problems with social media and children are being reported by schools, families, voluntary organisations and young people themselves.

The September 2018 meeting received a report on the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Strategy. It was recognised that LGBT young people have a voice through VOXY (Voice of Oxfordshire Youth). However more work and training

was needed in relation to transgender issues and Oxford City is currently experiencing a lot of hate crime in this area. Particular gaps include the need for more safe spaces and additional ongoing training for the children's workforce. Priority areas for the Board to consider will be brought to the December meeting for further discussion.

Both these issues had been identified by Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board and escalated to the Children's Trust Board to address.

5. SEND Programme Board

The Board reported that the third monitoring visit from the Department for Education was positive, and that they're on track to achieve their targets. However, two challenges were noted; firstly, that progress on exclusions remains a concern. Secondly, recruitment of Educational Psychologists continues to be challenging, however a new appointment had been made.

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