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### Report to the Health and Wellbeing Board

<b>Report from</b>	Children's Trust Board (Chair – Cllr Steve Harrod)
<b>Report Date</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
<b>Dates of meetings held since the last report</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020 (Virtual meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions)
<b>HWB Priorities addressed in this report</b>	A Healthy Start in Life
<b>Link to any published notes or reports</b>	<a href="#">Children &amp; Young People's Plan 2018 - 2022</a>
<b>Priorities for 2020-21</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: 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: 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: Focus on domestic abuse</b></p>
	<p><b>Be Supported</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. 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>14. Access information in a way which suits them best.</li> <li>15. Have inspiring role models.</li> <li>16. Talk to staff who are experienced and caring.</li> </ol>

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### 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 – update in September 2020 meeting
<b>Deliverable</b>	See updated Children and Young People Plan for list of deliverables
<b>Progress report</b>	<p>The Deputy Director of Education, Hayley Good provided an update on the back to school situation. This was successful with effective communication and support in helping to relieve parental anxiety with the return of schools after lockdown. There were weekly conference calls with headteachers and the Director of Children’s Services, Kevin Gordon circulated a letter to reassure parents encouraging them to send children back to school. Information was provided to schools in how to handle cases of COVID-19 in contacting a national helpline or Oxfordshire County Council for guidance.</p> <p>Oxfordshire data showed that there was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 90% attendance which included primary and secondary schools.</li> <li>• High attendance for Children We Care For.</li> <li>• Drop in attendance for Special Schools, but only half of these schools provided information.</li> <li>• Low attendance for Children on Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).</li> <li>• 20% increase in parents deciding to home school their children – despite encouraging parents to send their children back.</li> </ul>

<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>	To be reviewed at a future meeting (December 2020)

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Be Safe</b>
<b>Focus</b>	Domestic Abuse
<b>Deliverable</b>	See updated Children and Young People Plan for list of deliverables.
<b>Progress report</b>	To be reviewed at a future meeting (March 2021)

<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.”

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<b>Progress report</b>	Following on from the 'Be Supported' 2020 survey, it was suggested that members provide examples of how their organisations have responded to children and young people's views which emerged from the survey, such as having a voice and being listened to. In sharing and collating the feedback on key areas, a 'You Said, We Did' poster/flyer would be compiled to spread the message.
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### 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 last academic year. Some health reporting was suspended included Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) timeliness.

#### Be successful

- Education measures in the dashboard are reported 3 times a year at the end of the Christmas, Easter and summer terms. With COVID-19 there has been no update since Easter last academic year.
- However, schools are currently asked to report daily attendance to the Department for Education. This shows that overall attendance in Oxfordshire schools for all children, those with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and those with a social worker are higher than the England average.
- In line with the rest of the country we are seeing an increase in families opting to electively home educate their children, with 878 electively home educated children at 20<sup>th</sup> November – a 33% increase in the number at the end of August.

#### Be healthy

- Performance on the 12-week wait for CAMHS has been suspended since February.
- Figures for referral to the Single Point of Access for CAMHS are increasing. In quarter 1 they averaged 219 per month, in quarter 2, 351 per month and in October 511.
- Activity levels rose on all the 'be healthy' measures in quarter 2 However, the fall in quarter 1 means that activity for the first 6 months remains below last year with the exception of pregnant women with a risk score of 3 or 4
- Early Help Assessments are 30% below the level of last year.

#### Be safe

- Quarter 2 saw a return to more expected levels of activity so the 50% increase in domestic crimes involving children in Q1 fell to 11% in Q2 and 15% increase in domestic abuse incidents fell to 6%.
- The first 6 months of the year have seen a 38% increase in contacts to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). This could lead to a surge through the social care and other systems. Activity in September was in line with the four weeks before the school holidays, which is traditionally the busiest time of the year.
- Currently though the number of children the subject of a child protection plan is lower than last year and better than target and the number of cared for children is below last year's level albeit still higher than target.

Indicator Number	RAG	What is being done to improve performance?
1.1b Increase the proportion of children that have their first CAMHS appointment	R	Local and national reporting suspended in March 2020 to allow greater focus on managing COVID-19. 24/7 advice consultation line has been in place throughout.

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Indicator Number	RAG	What is being done to improve performance?
within 12 weeks to 75%		
2.5 Reduce the persistent absence of children subject to a Child Protection plan	N/A	<p>Figures released in March for the 18/19 academic year showed persistent absence of children the subject of a child protection plan to be 3 times more likely to be persistently absent than other pupils in Oxfordshire. Work is being undertaken across education and children's social care to address these issues.</p> <p><i>(Following COVID-19 traditional measures of school attendance became redundant).</i></p>
3.14 Reduce the number of children we care (previously looked after children) for to 750 by March 2021	A	<p>At the end of September, the number of children we cared for was 788 - 3% lower than same time last year against a national increase.</p> <p>As of early November, the council has introduced the new service, Family Solutions Plus (FSP) model, which will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rebalance the safeguarding system to help keep more families together where this can be achieved safely</li> <li>• Develop a system based on working with family's strengths</li> <li>• Encourage professional relationships that are empowering and help families to make positive changes</li> <li>• Ensure interventions are timely, focused and intense</li> <li>• Work in a holistic way supporting parents to address problems that impact on their ability to look after their children</li> <li>• Reduce demand safely and appropriately</li> <li>• Create whole system improvements (e.g. with our partners)</li> <li>• Leads to a safe reduction in the numbers we care for</li> </ul>

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

- Introduction by new Director of Children's Services, Kevin Gordon.

Kevin is impressed by the relationship across the partnership and the potential opportunity to develop services differently. He outlined his view of the key role of the Children's Trust:

- ≈ *Champion of early help and integrated working*
- ≈ *Progressive mind set, challenges the status quo*
- ≈ *Initiates and incubates new areas of work*
- ≈ *Realistically cannot provide governance for everything, so should be selective and tactical about areas of interest*
- ≈ *Adds value and does not duplicate*

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- Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust & Performance - Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

Data presentation provided. This looked at access rate, referrals, caseloads, waiting times over the past few years in comparison with the past few months of the impact of the pandemic. The 24/7 helpline received less phone calls during the beginning of the pandemic but have since risen again. There is a need for a whole system approach to look at the pathway with local authorities, carers and parents in coordinating this. Mental Health teams are back into schools now since opening after having also provided support during lockdown.

- Update on the Oxfordshire Strategic Partnership

The Board members discussed the attainment gap from deprived areas and those with free school meals. There are opportunities to develop new initiatives based on successful projects. The group is looking further at what is available as good practice and the opportunities to support teaching and continuing to narrow the attainment gap.

- Children Education & Families – Recover Priorities: Outcomes and Performance

Return to school has been the greatest challenge and provided a significant increase in the volume of work for Children's Services in Children's Social Care. The return to school means that children needing support can contact other adults which may have increased assessments and referrals to Children's Social Care and MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hubs) services. The Children's Trust Board's role is to sight the potential increase in demand for all our services that the pandemic has caused and check on the impact on the whole system.

It was agreed that the impact of COVID-19 and how all members are dealing with that demand is to be kept as a standing item on the agenda.

- COVID-19 Implications for Partnerships

No feedback provided at this meeting but to be kept on agenda for future meetings with regards to progress, recovery and improvements.

#### **4. Forward plan for next meeting**

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

- Children & Young People's Plan Focus Area – Social, emotional, physical and mental well-being
- CEF – Recovery Priorities – Outcomes & Performance
- Partnership updates – COVID-19 recovery priorities