

Health and Wellbeing Board

20 January 2016

Report of the Executive Member for Education, Children and Young People and the Director of Children's Services, Education and Skills.

YorOK Board Annual Report to the Health & Wellbeing Board

Summary

1. The YorOK Board is a requirement of the Children Act 2004 and is formally accountable to the Health and Wellbeing Board. This is the second annual report of the YorOK Board tabled at the Health and Wellbeing Board.

About the YorOK Board

2. The YorOK Board meets on a two-monthly basis, is chaired by Councillor Brooks, Executive Member for Education, Children and Young People and incorporates representation from fourteen organisations and sectors that work with children, young people and families in the City. The YorOK Board is a public meeting and agendas and papers are posted on the YorOK Website.
3. The YorOK Board oversees the development of York's children's trust partnership arrangements, is responsible for the production, publication, delivery and review of the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) and promotes cooperation between statutory and non-statutory partners to improve children's well-being.
4. The YorOK Board formally monitors performance and progress against priorities on a quarterly basis. YorOK sub groups lead on particular themes, for example disabled children, early help and CAMHS, and are tasked with ensuring that specific aspects of progress are achieved. In addition, the Board routinely reviews progress and outcomes through the YorOK performance scorecard and through a range of tabled thematic items.

Key Achievements and challenges

5. The YorOK Board is a busy and well attended meeting with a clear focus on improving outcomes for children and young people. Agendas typically include a mix of updates, thematic discussions, presentations and items for information, this across a wide range of relevant areas. Some examples of Board activity over the past year are included below.

New Children and Young People's Plan

6. In 2015 the YorOK Board commissioned the production of a new CYPP that will be launched at the No Wrong Door Conference on 27 January 2016. Consultation took place through a number of channels with children, young people, parents, carers, practitioners and Board members who gave their views about living, growing up and working in York.
7. The new Plan focuses on shared local aspirations and priorities and seeks to utilise our reducing and changing collective assets and resources in the most effective way. The heart of the new Plan is based around:
 - Three priority areas: closing gaps in attainment, health and well-being; early help; mental and emotional health and wellbeing
 - Priority groups of vulnerable children: children in care; children with special educational needs and disabilities; young people who are NEET (not in employment, education or training); young carers, refugees and children living in poverty.
 - Two new ways of working: whole family working and the neighbourhood approach.
8. Whilst safeguarding was highlighted as a priority through the consultation, child safeguarding priorities are led and overseen by the Children's Safeguarding Board which has strong links with the YorOK Board.

No Wrong Door Conference 2015

9. The highly successful annual No Wrong Door conference was hosted in January 2015 with over 200 delegates attending from across the children's partnership. Inputs included:

- National and local keynote speeches: Nazir Afzal OBE, Chief Crown Prosecutor, CPS North West; Donna Molloy, Head of Implementation, Early Intervention Foundation; CYC; Emma Smale, Acting Head of Policy and Research at Action for Children; Kathryn Ashworth, Chief Executive, Relate for Mid-Yorkshire; Julia Mulligan, Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire; Eoin Rush, Assistant Director Children's Specialist Services, CYC.
- Excellent contributions from young people: Sami and Seb from Young Carers Revolution - Tiny Treasures; members of the Show Me I matter and their film 'Listen to Me'.
- The launch of the new Guarantee for children in care.
- A range of topical workshops including child sexual exploitation, women as protectors NSPCC, York College student safety, young people and domestic abuse, special educational needs and disability reforms.

Board focus and priorities

10. Many and varied items were tabled at Board meetings throughout the year. The following represent a sample.

- Delivering services differently – enabling a multi-agency focus on changes taking place across a range of service areas including school improvement, children's centres and youth support services. Introducing new delivery models and ways of working, for example in early help and healthy child services 0-19.
- Integrated commissioning – the establishment of a new sub group to improve the alignment of partnership planning and commissioning and to maximise the impact and effectiveness of commissioning opportunities in a challenging economic climate.
- Identifying priorities for the new CYPP at a YorOK Board development event.
- The voice and influence of the child.
- Children's emotional and mental health – regular items addressing local need, priorities, complex multi-agency strategy, commissioning and changing local provision.
- Findings and messages from Healthwatch relating to children and young people.
- Regular Child Safeguarding Board updates.

- A focus on specific groups of vulnerable children and young people, including young carers, children in receipt of the pupil premium and the York 300 pilot, children in care, young people who are NEET.
- Child health priorities and how service transformation and design will enable us to do things differently in the future.
- York's Family Focus / Troubled Families Programme – Phase 1 fully achieved; looking ahead and preparing for Phase 2.

Future priorities

11. The priorities for the YorOK Board over the next couple of years will centre on the priorities outlined in the new CYPP. These address key groups of children and young people who may be vulnerable, gaps in health, wellbeing and attainment outcomes that are linked to deprivation, the emotional and mental health needs of children and young people and the need to work together in new and different ways.
12. The YorOK Board will continue to work in conjunction with the Health and Wellbeing Board, Children's Safeguarding Board, York Learning Partnership, York Community Safety Partnership and other key forums to tackle cross-cutting issues such as the impact of domestic abuse, parental mental ill health and substance misuse on outcomes for children.

Consultation

13. Widespread consultation has taken place about local needs and future priorities in the context of the production of the new CYPP.

Options

14. There are no options for the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider; this report is for information only.

Analysis

15. This report is for information, and therefore analysis of options is not applicable.

Strategic/Operational Plans

16. This report relates to the delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Children and Young People's Plan.

Implications

17. There are no known risks arising from the recommendations below in the following areas:

- **Financial**
- **Human Resources (HR)**
- **Equalities**
- **Legal**
- **Crime and Disorder**
- **Information Technology (IT)**
- **Property**
- **Other**

Risk Management

18. There are no known risks arising from the recommendations below.

Recommendations

19. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- i. Note the report, including the priorities and cross-cutting issues for the coming year;
- ii. Consider opportunities for strengthening partnership working and progressing shared and cross cutting priorities;
- iii. Discuss any other support, development or information that will help the Health and Wellbeing and YorOK Boards fulfil their shared objectives.

Reason: To keep the Board apprised of progress to date.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s)

None

Wards Affected:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Annexes:

None

Background Papers:

Health & Wellbeing Strategy
Children & Young People's Plan