

Health and Wellbeing Board

3 December 2014

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

YorOK Children's Trust Board: Summary Report to the Health & Wellbeing Board, 3 December 2014

1. Summary

The YorOK Board is formally accountable to the Health and Wellbeing Board. The YorOK Board has produced its first annual report following a review of its activity, impact and effectiveness to date. This summary provides headline feedback; the full report is available from the Children's Trust Unit.

2. Key Achievements and challenges

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the following key achievements and challenges that emerged from the YorOK review:

Key achievements:

1. A reduction in the number of Looked After Children, the number stabilising as at the end of June 2014 at 222;
2. The steady and safe reduction of the number of children subject to a child protection plan to 116;
3. 75% of 315 identified Troubled Families have officially been helped to 'turn around';
4. Increased profile and influence of the 'voice and influence' agenda, including in the area of child safeguarding.

Key challenges:

5. A continued focus on further narrowing the attainment gap for pupils in receipt of free school meals and for Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 pupil premium groups;
6. Responding to an increase in self harm amongst younger people;
7. Further improve our NEET rates for vulnerable groups (young offenders, looked after children, teenage parents and young people who have learning disabilities and difficulties);
8. Tackling child obesity.

3. Strengthening partnership working: shared YorOK and Health and Wellbeing Board priorities

The YorOK Board asks the Health & Wellbeing Board to consider the following opportunities for strengthening partnership working and progressing shared and cross cutting priorities:

- Establishing a shared focus on, and response to, meeting the needs of adult parents whose needs impact significantly on outcomes for children, for example the high prevalence of adult domestic abuse within child protection; the impact of parental alcohol / substance misuse on parenting;
- Improving our strategic planning and commissioning to enhance provision and outcomes in areas that span children's and adults services, this in the context of identified priorities for the refreshed Health and Wellbeing Strategy;
- Clarifying the leadership, roles and contribution of key partnerships in relation to shared priorities, eg domestic abuse.

4. About the YorOK Board

YorOK is the branding for our local York Children's Trust partnership which is a well established forum, set up 2003. There remains a statutory duty to have a Children's Trust Board under the Children Act 2004.

The YorOK Board meets on a two-monthly basis, is chaired by Councillor Janet Looker, Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Young People, and has a membership of eighteen representatives from thirteen bodies, organisations and agencies which is periodically reviewed. The YorOK Board is a public meeting and agendas and papers are posted on the YorOK Website.

The full Annual report provides information about the following:

- The purpose and function of the YorOK Board. This includes a specific responsibility to oversee the development of York's Children's Trust arrangements, the production, publication, delivery and review of the Children and Young People's Plan and monitoring its implementation, promoting cooperation to improve children's well-being;

- The 'Planning Bookcase' and partnership working context;
- The YorOK Board sub-groups and their work, including the YOT Management Board, Troubled Families Programme Board and Children's Voice and Influence Group, The 14–19 Curriculum Implementation Group, The Youth Homeless Strategic Group;
- Joint working between Boards, and in particular with the Children's Safeguarding Board, and examples of joint working between Boards;
- The voice and influence of the child, and how the child's voice has an impact;
- The YorOK Board work plan and agendas, and how progress against YorOK priorities and activity is monitored;
- Dream Again, York's Strategic Plan for Children', Young People and their Families 2013 – 2016', setting out the long term vision for children, young people and their families.

5. Impact and outcomes: progress against key YorOK / CYPP priorities and objectives

A copy of the full YorOK Performance scorecard is tabled and regularly monitored at the Board and is available publicly on the YorOK website www.yor-ok.org.uk.

The full annual report outlines in detail the progress being made against key priorities and objectives, this section being structured using the priority areas set out in the Children and Young People's Plan. The headlines are noted below.

Helping all York children enjoy a happy family life: An overall reduction in the number of children in public care; a steady and safe reduction in the number of children who have child protection plans; the newly configured and effective 'Child in Need' service; all 315 'Troubled Families' identified and 75% have 'turned themselves around'; 435 families engaged with Parenting Programmes.

Early Help: Supporting those who need extra help at the earliest opportunity: A refocused Early Help Strategy 2014-16, action plan and performance scorecard produced, these embedding feedback from a constructive Ofsted thematic review of early help in January; the number of help CAFs (Common Assessments) initiated has been maintained

and steps are being taken to improve quality; the 'local offer' for disabled children has been widely promoted; York's schools continue to perform well when compared to regional Local Authorities; Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 pupil premium groups remain a priority, particularly in relation to 'narrowing the gap' between vulnerable children and their peers; The York 300 Pilot is underway; the obesity rate for reception age children fell, but rose for year 6 children.

The YorOK Board has commissioned a review of the impact of York's Early Help arrangements and the report will be available later this year.

Promoting good mental health: The CAMHS Strategy Action Plan has been completed; the new Story Board describes our vision for the emotional and mental wellbeing of all children and young people in our City, presenting priorities, strategies and initiatives, developed over the last three years, to ensure best practice and deliver the best outcomes; Mental Health Day was well attended by primary and secondary colleagues; refreshed CAMHS executive arrangements will provide biennial updates to the YorOK Board; an increase in self harm has been identified amongst younger people (especially females aged 15-17); the fourth 'Stand Up for Us' survey was completed; the ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) Project addresses children's emerging mental health issues in school and is now successfully operating in 55 schools across the city with 170 ELSAs in place.

Reaching further: links to a strong economy: NEET figures improved throughout the year however improving NEET rates for vulnerable groups (young offenders, LAC, teenage parents & LLDD) remains a priority; 4,490 children are estimated to live in poverty; the Child Poverty Strategy has converged with the City Poverty Strategy; York has seen a decrease in Youth Unemployment; the 'tablet project' at Burton Green is supporting accelerated learning of the most disadvantaged primary pupils and their parents (through Family Learning); approximately 400 pupils in York who were entitled to have access to a free school meal had not applied; 72% of pupils not in receipt of free school meals attained 5 plus A*-C GCSEs, compared with 43% pupils who were in receipt of free school meals. Narrowing this gap remains a priority.

Consultation

6. This report is for information only.

Options

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

Analysis

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

Strategic/Operational Plans

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

Implications

10. 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

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

Recommendations

12. The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:
 - i. Note the attached report;

- ii. Consider the issues for the coming year;
- iii. Consider opportunities noted for strengthening partnership working and progressing shared and cross cutting priorities;
- iv. 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 appraised 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