

Subject: CYPS Improvement Plan

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Purpose of bringing this report to the Board	
Decision	
Recommendation to Full Council	
Endorsement	
Information	x

Implications		Applicable Yes/No
DHWB Strategy Areas of Focus	Alcohol	
	Mental Health & Dementia	
	Obesity	
	Family	x
	Personal Responsibility	
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		
Finance		
Legal		
Equalities		
Other Implications (please list)		

How will this contribute to improving health and wellbeing in Doncaster?
<p>The new CYPS Improvement Plan builds on previous plans and work and provides a high level overview of:</p> <p>4 key themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategic Direction - an over-arching vision for children and families with an aspirational plan 2. Improving the child and family journey - right response in the right place at the right time 3. Stable and high performing workforce - strong leadership supporting the front line 4. Fit for purpose organisation - efficient and value for money

There are a number of projects under each theme and the plan has been made available on the Council's website. All four themes are relevant to the HWB. Key to the success will be how the Council and its partners work to deliver more joined up approaches to working. In particular, having a strategic aspiration for families, and how early help is delivered by the partnership, including schools and the third sector with comprehensive involvement of children and their families. Similarly, work on better and clearer commissioning arrangements will complement the work of the HWB.

The plan does have a focus on specific issues for the Council, i.e., improving the quality of Social Work practice and ensuring we have in place a workforce that can deliver.

The financial pressures facing the public sector are well publicised and theme four focuses, in part, on the financial viability of the service. The Council recognises that changes in funding for Children Services, is likely to impact on other partners and, therefore, the critical role of the HWB in supporting the Early Help model and associated commissioning arrangements, as well as understanding the use of physical assets across the Borough.

A significant addition to this plan is the preparation and work required to meet the Secretary of State direction to establish a Children's Trust.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:- Note the new improvement plan