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## **1. Children's Health & Wellbeing Commissioning Strategy 2015 - 2020**

- 1.1 The contents of this paper can be shared with the general public.
- 1.2 This paper is for the Health & Wellbeing Board meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015
- 1.3 Authors of the Paper and contact details

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## 2. Summary

- 2.1 The purpose of this strategy is to set out the shared ambition of commissioners in the council and the NHS for the children and young people of the city. The strategy also sets out at a high level the way we intend to work together to achieve that ambition by 2020, through the joint commissioning of services.
- 2.2 The Strategy ensures that the Clinical Commissioning Group, Children's Services and Public Health work together to help our children and young people to prepare for a good life, ensuring a city for all ages, inclusive of everyone and protecting the most vulnerable.
- 2.3 The Children's Health & Wellbeing Strategy is complementary to the Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

## 3. Decisions, recommendations and any options

- 3.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board approve the Children's Health & Wellbeing Commissioning Strategy set out at Appendix one, and authorise its publication.

## 4. Relevant information

- 4.1 This strategy develops the following joint commissioning plans:
- Special educational needs and disabilities
  - Emotional and mental health and wellbeing
  - Support for the health of children in care and care leavers
  - Public Health
  - Stronger families and communities
- 4.2 The 5 priorities are:
1. To give every child the best start in life and to reduce inequalities
  2. To provide children with complex education, health and care needs from 0-25 years and their families with high quality



integrated support

3. To improve the emotional health and mental health and wellbeing of children and young people
  4. To provide effective 'Early Help' for families facing multiple disadvantage that reduces the need for specialist social care and health services
  5. To ensure all our children and young people are safe
- 4.3 The strategy has been informed through engagement events with key stakeholders, families and young people on the 15, 16 September and 6 October 2015.
- 4.4 The Task & Finish Group consisted of representatives of the Clinical Commissioning Group, Children's Services and Public Health. The group is a subset of the Joint Health & Wellbeing Group.
- 4.5 The Task & Finish Group report to the Strategic Commissioning Group headed by the Executive Director of Children's Services, Brighton & Hove City Council, Chief Clinical Officer, Brighton & Hove Clinical Commissioning Group, and Director of Public Health, Brighton & Hove City Council
- 4.6 The Clinical Commissioning Board approved the draft Strategy on the 26 October 2015.

## **5. Important considerations and implications**

### **Legal:**

- 5.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 introduced duties and powers for Health and Wellbeing Boards in relation to Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs) and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies (JHWSs). Local authorities and clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) have equal and joint duties to prepare JSNAs and JHWSs, through the Board. In preparing JSNAs and JHWSs, health and wellbeing boards must have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State. As such the JHWS should explain what priorities the Board has set in order to tackle the needs identified in the JSNA. JHWSs are required to be strategies for meeting the needs identified in JSNAs. CCGs, the NHS, and local authorities' plans for commissioning services will be expected to be informed by



relevant JSNAs and JHWSs. It is considered to be good practice to involve boards when developing commissioning plans, to ensure that they are properly informed by the relevant JSNAs and JHWSs.

- 5.2 As well as fulfilling the obligations under the Health and Social Care Act framework, the strategy the subject of this report promotes the wellbeing of children in accordance with the Children Act 2004, and will assist in delivering the joined up services required under the Children and Families Act 2014.

*Legal Officer consulted: Natasha Watson 3-12-2015*

### **Finance:**

- 5.3 This paper sets out the Children's Health & Wellbeing Commissioning Strategy. All agencies are facing significant budget challenges alongside a rise in demand for services and all will have to make savings across the life of this strategy. For the council reductions in government grant will mean very significant savings will have to be made each financial year up to the end of 2019/2020. Partners will need to commission and re-design services jointly in the most efficient and streamlined way to ensure that this strategy can be delivered from within available resources.

*Finance Officer consulted: Louise Hoten (4-11-2015)*

### **Equalities:**

- 5.4 The Strategy has been developed in line with the duties (under the Equality Act 2010) to address inequality. Future work to develop the action plan to implement this Strategy will continue to identify equality implications and address specific inequalities.

*Equalities Officer: Sarah Tighe-Ford consulted 25-11-2015*

### **Sustainability:**

- 5.5 Good sustainability outcomes can be achieved if consideration is given to identification of efficiencies through increased collaboration, information sharing, bringing together of services that are targeting the same client group and pooling capacity within the city. Avoiding duplication, improving service delivery and better targeting of resources can have a positive impact on client experience and benefit their quality of life. It is particularly necessary to consider those most in need to ensure they are able to get the maximum benefit from the services available. The Strategy



will include a process for identifying ongoing savings, efficiencies that support improvements to client experience.

- 5.6 Consolidation of services should support smarter travel solutions and reduction in carbon emissions. Improving energy efficiency of remaining assets can also reduce long term running costs and reduce overall impact to the environment.
- 5.7 Health, social care, children's services and public health  
These considerations and implications are integral to the principles and priorities outlined in the Commissioning Strategy for Children, Young People and their families, including a commitment to inclusion, tackling inequalities and closing gaps in outcomes caused by social disadvantage.

## **6 Supporting documents and information**

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – Commissioning Strategy: Health & Wellbeing of Children, Young People and Families 2015-2020

