

Health and Wellbeing Board

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0-5 Redesign and Consultation

Summary:

In June the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) agreed that Children and Families would be a priority for 2017/18. This report seeks to endorse proposals to develop the potential areas that were identified at the workshop in June. Additionally the Board's attention is also drawn to 0-5 Redesign proposals that were approved by Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet as the basis for consultation. The consultation period commenced on 29th June 2017 and concludes on 11th September 2017.

Recommendations:

1. That Members of the Board consider and comment on the consultation document.
2. That Board Members disseminate the consultation document within their own organisations with a view to encouraging individual and collective responses; and
3. That the areas identified in Section 3 of the report be used as the basis for developing actions during 2017/18.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 On 2nd February 2017, the County Council approved its One Organisational Plan 2 (2017-2020) which sets out the corporate direction over the next 3 years. At the same time the budget was also agreed which requires a saving of £1,120,000 million to be made to the Children's Centres budget from 1st April 2018.
- 1.2 Building on the work from the Smart Start Programme (2015-17), a proposed approach was endorsed by Cabinet on 15th June 2017 that sought to address the challenge within the context of wider transformation activity being undertaken by the County Council and also had regard to the national context in relation to Children Centres.

2 Proposed Approach

- 2.1 There are 5 key areas proposed in relation to the 39 children centres:
- a) Conversion of 12 Centres into Family Hubs that will extend the range of multi-agency services from the current 0-5 to 0-19 (or 25 in the case of disabilities)
 - b) Reassessing the use of the remaining 27 Centres with a view to the building being maintained by the community, partners or providers from where services can be delivered or where this is not feasible to consider potential closure
 - c) A universal provision delivered in hubs, libraries, community centres that facilitates access, signposting and self help and promotes school readiness
 - d) An Integrated Family Support Worker Service
 - e) Developing community capacity through building resilience in parents, carers and children.
- 2.2 The approach is now subject to consultation and further information can be found in the consultation document attached as Appendix 1 and also via www.warwickshire.gov.uk/familyhubsconsultation. The timeline for consultation is 29th June 2017 to 11th September 2017. Thereafter results will be analysed with a view to final recommendations being submitted to Cabinet in the Autumn and then implementation of new arrangements from April 2018 onwards.

3. Development of Priorities

- 3.1 Board consideration of the above is consistent with the priority areas that were identified at the workshop in relation children and families namely:
- a) Improved commitment, visibility and engagement in Children and Families within the HWBB
 - b) Secured assurance of alignment with development of hub model and 0-5 redesign
 - c) Progression of the Multi Agency Children and Families Champions who can engage, influence and ensure a partnership approach to safeguarding and services to children and families
 - d) Progress of integration commissioning, delivery and outcome models for children and families
- 3.2 It is proposed that these themes are now worked up in further detail.

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