

# Health and Wellbeing Board

15 May 2024

## Children and Young People Partnership

### Recommendations

#### That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- 1) Notes and comments on the update provided by the Children and Young People Partnership; and
- 2) Endorses the proposed approach to development of the Early Years Integrated Delivery Plan.

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Children and Young People Partnership (CYPP) was established in October 2022 as an informal sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) to support the ambitions of Warwickshire's Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The purpose of the CYPP is three-fold: provide strategic oversight of the HWBB children and young people agenda; facilitate integration and collaboration across Warwickshire; and take a population health approach in doing this.
- 1.2 The Terms of Reference (Appendix 1) were last updated in July 2023. They set out the CYPPs priorities:
  - Priority 1: Early years, including the first 1001 days (conception to age 2) and pre-school age (up to age 5 years)
  - Priority 2 – children and young people's mental health and wellbeing, with a focus on social, emotional, and behavioural needs.
- 1.3 The focus on these priorities aligned with the publication of the Childrens 0-5 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Infants, Children and Young People JSNA (published January 2023 and May 2023 respectively).
- 1.4 Since the HWBB's last update from the CYPP in September 2023, the Partnership has met twice and, in line with the forward plan, focused on:
  - Priority 1: Improvements to the Warwickshire 0-5 offer including Health Visiting review and re-modelling and the development of an Early Years Integrated Delivery Plan.

- Priority 2: School attendance challenges and opportunities; and supporting transitions from Childrens to Adults mental health services.

### **Improvements to the Health Visiting service**

- 1.5 The rate of new birth visits (NBV) is increasing across Warwickshire. 2023/24 data has seen a consistency in 97% of babies seen by 30 days for NBV. During the last two quarters of 2023/24 approximately 70% of NBV took place before 14 days.
- 1.6 In relation to receiving 6-8 weeks review by 13 weeks, in 2022/23 this figure was 41% and as of end of 2023/24 had risen to 87-96%. This is due to an increase in mix of appointments offered and includes telephone and video call as well as face to face.
- 1.7 In terms of staffing, the service has a shortfall of 10 whole time equivalent (WTE) staff, however it is currently training student health visitors and of 12 students, 6 are due to complete training in September 2024 with the remaining 6 due to complete in February 2025. A Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) specialist health visitor has been in post since October 2023.
- 1.8 Areas for improvement identified by the service include with communications between midwifery and health visiting, particularly for women living in Rugby. This is due to challenges with different IT systems being used across University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust (UHCW) midwifery and South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust (SWFT) health visiting service This is currently being picked up by the Local Maternity and Neonatal System (LMNS) antenatal workstream.
- 1.9 Due to an increase in asylum seekers across Warwickshire, and particularly in Rugby and Leamington, the health visiting service are working closely with Warwickshire County Council Public Health to improve communication and reduce duplication of activity with this population.
- 1.10 To support the tackling inequalities agenda, the service has allocated staff according to areas of greatest need, with a higher proportion of staff allocated within the north of the county, and face-to-face appointments offered to those women most in need.

### **Development of the Early Years Integrated Plan**

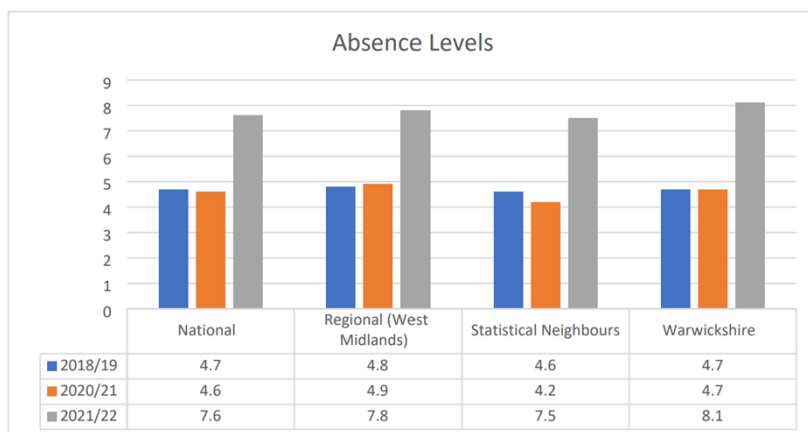
- 1.11 In line with the HWBB Strategy 2021-26 priority of Best Start in Life, and in response to the 0-5 JSNA (January 2023) and the Early Years Remote Peer Challenge Review (March 2023), the Council's Education Services are leading the development of an Early Years Integrated Plan (EYIP) through the Early Years Integrated Planning Group (EYIPG). Membership of the EYIP includes the Council's education, early help and public health services and NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB) Childrens transformation and Local Maternity and Neonatal System (LMNS) leads.

- 1.12 The EYIPG are in the initial planning stages of the EYIP but have identified key themes across Integrated Care System (ICS) partners including workforce challenges, training, funding and prioritising families that experience greater inequality.
- 1.13 The EYIPG aims to develop the EYIP for September HWBB, with delivery commencing in the second half of 2024/25. To inform the EYIP engagement will be undertaken with a range of key stakeholder including Parent Carer Voice, Early Years hubs, maintained nurses and schools with nurseries, and childminders.

**School attendance**

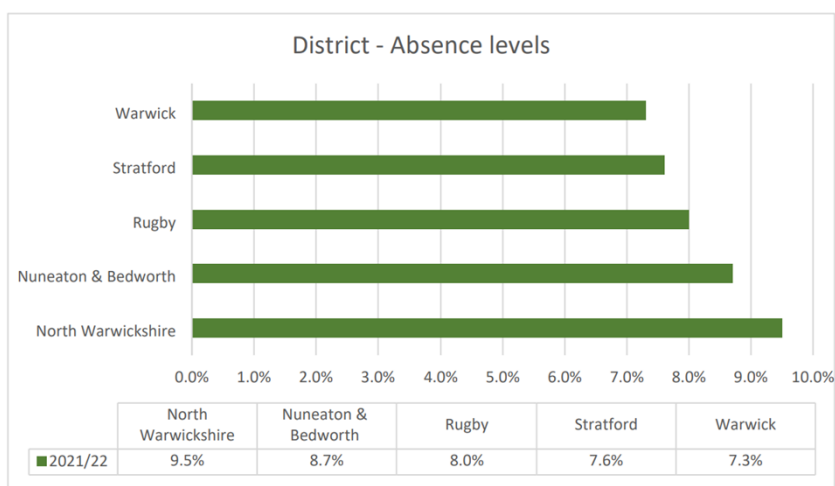
- 1.14 Pupil absence levels were shared with the CYPP and highlight the increasing trend in the proportion of children overall absent year-on-year from 2018 (table 1).

*Table 1- School Absence Levels 2018/19 – 2021/22.*



- 1.15 The proportion of severe absence levels (% of pupils who missed 50% or more sessions) has also increased year on year since 2018 from 0.75% to 2.15%. There is disparity in the proportion of overall absence across the county, with higher levels of absence recorded in North Warwickshire Borough and Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough. There are also lower levels of absence recorded in the south of the county (table 2). This picture of inequality mirrors the disparity in health outcomes and scores of deprivation we see across Warwickshire and aligns with the geographical areas for Creating Opportunities (formally Levelling Up).

*Table 2: Overall absence at district and borough level*



1.16 The Council's Education service is working with public health and other system stakeholders to develop a joined-up approach to school attendance.

1.17 There has been a rise in non-attendance at school due to social, emotional and behavioural needs and CYPP partners discussed using intelligence from Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) to understand potential blockers to school attendance, and support schools to make reasonable adjustments for pupils with social, emotional and behavioural needs. CYPP also discussed analysing how well the mental health support teams in schools are supporting children to stay in school.

### **Transition from Childrens to Adults mental health service**

1.18 Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust (CWPT) described the current mechanism that exists for patients transitioning from CAMHS to adult mental health services. This is following feedback from both children, carers and parents and staff that the process can feel disjointed and difficult to navigate.

1.19 Improvement work has been underway and has included:

- 18-25 workstream as part of the community transformation programme. Working with local charity Grapevine to co-produce with young people and the development of the 18-25 peer support workers offer through Coventry and Warwickshire Mind.
- Focusing on the process of transition by developing greater joint working and simplifying the process.
- Lowering the age threshold for intervention for care leavers and working with care leavers to get health passports in place to support easier movement through the system.

## **2. Financial Implications**

2.1 None arising directly from this report.

### 3. Environmental Implications

3.1 None arising directly from this report.

### 4. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

4.1 In addition to following up on the items listed above, the CYPP's forward plan includes:

- **May 2024:** Getting risk support recommendations update (Mental Health and Wellbeing of CYP JSNA) including self-harm working group; newly developed and recently launched Children and Young People Making Every Contact Count (MECC); and Peer Mentor Scheme.
- **August 2024:** Recommendations from the Empowering Futures: Growing up Well in Warwickshire JSNA; progress on Child Accident Prevention work; and overview of the whole family wraparound offer.

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