

Health and Wellbeing Board
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	Report for Resolution
Title:	A summary of the work linked to the creation of a Speech, Language and Communication Strategy for Nottingham City
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Brief summary:	To provide an update to Board members on the Early Outcomes Fund work around the development of a strategy and supporting pathway in relation to speech, language and communication, and to agree future governance and accountability for this work.

Recommendation to the Health and Wellbeing Board:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- (1) agree to oversee the development and delivery of this strategy, taking on its overall ownership and providing necessary engagement, governance and accountability, including supporting the development of a Task and Finish Group for joint commissioning;
- (2) consider the draft strategy, which is intended to be presented to the March meeting of the Board, and to consider expanding the age range of this work to develop a 0-25 years Joint Strategy for speech, language and communication across all agencies.

Contribution to Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy:

Health and Wellbeing Strategy aims and outcomes	Summary of contribution to the Strategy
Aim: To increase healthy life expectancy in Nottingham and make us one of the healthiest big cities	The impact of a person not developing sound speech, language and communication skills in early life are far-reaching and significant, affecting school attainment, relationships, employment prospects and lifestyle choices. This work contributes to almost each element of the Board's aims and outcomes, but
Aim: To reduce inequalities in health by targeting the neighbourhoods with the lowest levels of healthy life expectancy	
Outcome 1: Children and adults in Nottingham adopt and maintain healthy	

lifestyles	specifically, increasing healthy life expectancy, reducing inequalities in health by neighbourhood and in supporting children and adults in Nottingham to adopt and maintain healthy lifestyles. The Early Outcomes Fund work identifies need by ward and seeks to target resources to areas and communities who most need it through joint commissioning and shared oversight.
Outcome 2: Children and adults in Nottingham will have positive mental wellbeing and those with long-term mental health problems will have good physical health	
Outcome 3: There will be a healthy culture in Nottingham in which citizens are supported and empowered to live healthy lives and manage ill health well	
Outcome 4: Nottingham's environment will be sustainable – supporting and enabling its citizens to have good health and wellbeing	

How mental health and wellbeing is being championed in line with the Board's aspiration to give equal value to mental and physical health

From an early age, children who cannot communicate as well as their friends struggle with attachment and attainment and, by the time they are five years old, they are less engaged at school and one-and-a-half times more likely to have mental health problems in later life.

Children with undiagnosed speech, language and communication needs are more likely to be excluded from school and struggle to form relationships with their peers. Supporting children to achieve good speech, language and communication before they turn five is fundamental to support their mental health. However, addressing poor speech, language and communication across all age brackets should be prioritised and will have significant mental health advantages.

Background papers:

- 'Early Outcomes Fund – A summary of the work linked to the creation of a Speech, Language and Communication Strategy for Nottingham City'
- 'Talking About A Generation', by The Communication Trust and Better Communication CIC (February 2017)
- 'Identification and Intervention for Speech, Language and Communication in the Early Years: A Summary of the Early Outcomes Fund Project in Leicester, Derby and Nottingham cities' (March 2020)