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| Title of paper: | Update on CYPP Priority – Safeguarding and Supporting Children and Families | |
| Report to: | Children's Partnership Board | |
| Date: | 27 th June 2018 | |
| Relevant Director: | Helen Blackman, Director for Children's Integrated Services | Wards affected: All |
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| Relevant Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) priority: | | |
| Safeguarding and supporting children and families: Children, young people and families will benefit from early and effective support and protection to empower them to overcome difficulties and provide a safe environment in which to thrive. | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Promoting the health and wellbeing of babies, children and young people: From pregnancy and throughout life, babies, children, young people and families will be healthier, more emotionally resilient and better able to make informed decisions about their health and wellbeing. | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Supporting achievement and academic attainment: All children and young people will leave school with the best skills and qualifications they can achieve and will be ready for independence, work or further learning. | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Empowering families to be strong and achieve economic wellbeing: More families will be empowered and able to deal with family issues and child poverty will be significantly reduced. | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users): | | |
| <p>This item seeks to update the Board on key developments in relation to this priority and the key outcome to ensure 'children and young people are safe'. This report will provide a brief summary of the current context and will be supported by a more detailed presentation, which will be delivered at the Board in June. This presentation will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • update the Board on two positive developments for children, young people and families • brief Board members on an offer of support for partners from the Children's Integrated Services Youth Justice Service in relation to the prevention of knife crime • seek support from partners for planned developments in our Leaving Care Team. • update the Board on foster carer recruitment and Nottingham City Council's in-house residential provision | | |
| Recommendations: | | |
| 1 | That the Board note the contents of this report. | |
| 2 | That the Board consider how they could contribute to ongoing improvements in our partnership support to Care Leavers | |

1 BACKGROUND AND PROPOSALS

- 1.1 Demand for safeguarding, family support and early help in the City remains high. Since 2016/17, access to all Children's Integrated Services (CIS) has been managed through Children and Families Direct (C&F) as our 'one front door'. All requests for support; irrespective of whether they are subsequently screened to require early help, targeted or social care response; are captured as contacts within that service. As a result of this, alongside other demographic changes within the City over this period, our rates per 10,000 of contacts recorded have increased significantly from 681.9 per 10k in 2015/16 to 2985.9 per 10k on 2017/18. Despite this increase our rate of referrals has remained fairly static over the same period, which suggests that screening is effective and that our early help and targeted services are managing demands for statutory social work intervention.
- 1.2 Children's Integrated Services are currently working with:
 - 1445 children in need
 - 568 children subject to a child protection plan
 - 624 children in care (as of end April '18) of which 29 are UASC and 11 are remanded to custody.
 - 271 care leavers
- 1.3 In 2017/18, our Play and Youth services 902 delivered with 17,542 attendees and Children's Centres delivered 2612 sessions with 50,452 attendances.
- 1.4 A key development for our Youth Service in 2017/18 has been the delivery of courses for young people, accredited by the Assessment and Qualifications Alliance (AQA). Circa 200 young people have benefited from this opportunity to date. Further information will be available in the supporting presentation in relation to this programme.
- 1.5 Children's Integrated Services teams have been supporting with work around homelessness prevention for 16-17 year olds and families at risk of eviction from Nottingham City Homes tenancies. This is in response to recommendations from our Ofsted 2017 Pilot ILACS Inspection and the implementation of new duties in the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017. Further information will be available in the supporting presentation in relation to this programme.
- 1.6 As part of our partnership response to City challenges around the increase in knife-crime the Youth Offending Team are supporting the roll out of a primary and secondary knife crime education programme. We are also looking to develop a whole family approach to exclusions in the City (often because of possession of drugs or weapons) through a Team Around the School Model, led by our Targeted Family Support Teams. Further information will be available in the supporting presentation in relation to this programme.
- 1.7 Children's Integrated Services have been prioritising development of the Leaving Care service, in response to feedback in the Ofsted 2017 Pilot ILACS Inspection. We have been piloting a number of multi-disciplinary approaches to build capacity within the service. Learning from best practice in other local authorities we are keen to look at the multi-agency support available to our vulnerable care leavers to support their transition to adulthood. Particular challenges are around suitable accommodation and support to maintain a tenancy, ensuring that they receive timely information about their health history and access to mental health support. Further information will be available in the supporting presentation in relation to this programme. We would ask partners to consider how they could support this vulnerable cohort through improved coordination, integration and multi-agency response.

2 RISKS

- 2.1 Risks are primarily associated with the reductions to service capacity, which could negatively impact outcomes for families.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 None

4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5 CLIENT GROUP

- 5.1 All children, young people and families.

6 IMPACT ON EQUALITIES ISSUES

- 6.1 These services support the City's most complex and vulnerable children, young people and families. They represent the full diversity of the City and support is tailored to meet their individual needs.

7 OUTCOMES AND PRIORITIES AFFECTED

- 7.1 Safeguarding and Supporting Children and Families