



NHS North Central London

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Children's Trust Board	24.09.15	5

Title of paper:

Children and Young People's Plan 2016-20

Summary of paper:

Barnet's Children and Young People Plan (CYPP) is intended as a partnership plan, shaped by people across the borough that know and work with children, and by children and young people themselves. The plan articulates and restates the importance of working in partnership across the borough and highlights behaviours, ways of working and improvement programmes that will help to make progress to achieving priorities and creating excellent outcomes for children and young people living in Barnet.

This paper builds on agenda item 4 and identifies potential priority areas, objectives and timescales for the Children and Young People's Plan which will be published in April 2016.

Action required by board:

1. That the Children's Trust Board consider the priorities for the Children and Young People's Plan 2016-20.
2. That the Children's Trust Board commit to supporting the development of the Children and Young people's Plan 2016-20.
3. That the Children's Trust Board notes that this item will return to the Children's Trust Board in January 2016 prior to publication for approval.

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Children and Young People's Plan 2016-2020: Children's Trust Board Paper for 24 September 2015

1. Introduction

The last CYPP 2013-16 was agreed by the Children's Trust Board (CTB) and the Children and Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee (CELS) in 2013. The framework of outcomes, priorities and indicators outlined in this plan are now widely understood across the borough and has helped focus attention and resources on those with the greatest needs. The plan focused on a broad vision:

'All children and young people in Barnet should achieve the best possible outcomes, to enable them to become successful adults, especially our most vulnerable children. They should be supported by high quality, integrated and inclusive services that identify additional support needs early, are accessible, responsive and affordable for the individual child and their family.'

We are looking forward to working with partners and involving children and young people themselves in updating the plan for 2016-20 so that it continues to reflect the priorities and needs of the local population. This partnership approach to setting priorities for the service is important because addressing issues facing children and young people is the responsibility of everyone who works with and cares about them.

2. Children and Young People's Plan 2016-20

The Council is committed to putting children and young people at the centre of everything that it does, and this needs to be guided by the voices of children and young people here in Barnet.

Lots of excellent work is already happening to engage children and young people in the area with the Council's decision making process. We are keen to go a step further and, like some Local Authorities across the country, develop a contract or charter setting out our commitment to involve children and young people in the council's decisions. The 'Children and Young People Participation Charter', informed and designed by local children, will sit as a central part of the new CYPP.

The CYPP will be set out the strategic and overarching plan for all services which affect children and young people across the borough and will set out how, with our strategic partners, we intend to achieve improvements. Our aspiration is to develop a clear plan that children and young people can easily understand and want to engage with, and we know we can achieve this if young people are involved in developing the plan.

The strength of a single plan for all local services for children and young people is that it supports the development of integrated and effective services to secure outcomes. In developing the CYPP the council will work jointly with partners to agree

clear targets and priorities for children and young people, identifying the actions and activities needed to achieve them, and how to ensure delivery – ultimately creating a cross-partnership document.

The Council aims to build on the previous plan, updating priorities and developing a plan that has the voice of the child at the centre of it, involved them in its development and is child friendly.

3. Priorities for Children and Young People in Barnet

There are around 94,940 children and young people in Barnet. This number is expected to grow by 8.5% and by 2018 it will be 102,978. Already, Barnet has the second highest children and young people's population out of all London boroughs. With this increase there is also some evidence that the complexity of need for some children and young people is growing, which in turn will put greater pressure on services. The CYPP provides the overarching framework for the planning and delivery of services, making sure that we plan ahead, and are prepared for this.

Children's Trust Board Workshop

The process of identifying these priorities began at the CTB March, where Board members and other professionals were asked to identify the top priority areas for the Children and Young People in Barnet around key themes; education, preparing for adulthood, health and wellbeing and keeping safe.

The findings from the workshop session are outlined in agenda item 4 (Priorities for Children and Young People in Barnet) and the CYPP will build on these priorities.

Priority areas raised by professionals and CTB Board included;

- Child sexual exploitation
- transition, and in particular identifying needs and developing a support offer during transition from primary to secondary school
- early intervention and increasing awareness and information sharing
- A specific challenge in Barnet is that the FSM gap in secondary schools
- more partnership working to identify those at risk of exclusion.
- need to start preparing young people for adulthood from an earlier age

In addition to asking the Board members, at the last CTB meeting, a group of 19 young people joined discussion and outlined the following priorities;

- Mental health - including self-harm
- Tackling inequality and racism was raised as an important issue.
- Bullying
- Working with children who have low attendance
- Education outside of school

Children's, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Commissioning Plan

The CYPP will also link closely to the Councils Children, Education, Library and Safeguarding Committee which has been designed to address the financial challenge over the next 5 years, including developing alternative ways to deliver services in partnership with other organisations. The committee's priorities are to:

- ensure Barnet remains one of the best places in the country for children to grow up
- support children and families who currently do less well in life to overcome barriers to success allowing all children the opportunity to thrive
- make sure children and young people are safe in their homes, schools and around the borough.

To achieve these priorities within the resources available up to 2020, the committee will focus on improving the following outcomes:

- Safeguarding – Children and young people are safe in their homes and, when children are at risk, to intervene early to improve outcomes for children, young people and families.
- Education – Continuing to maintain excellent school standards, ensuring attainment in Barnet schools is within the top 10 % nationally and progress for the most disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils.
- Health and well-being – Every child in Barnet has a great start in life, with the security and safety to grow in a nurturing environment.
- Preparation for adulthood – All young people are ambitious for their future, ready to contribute to society and have the ability to plan for the future.
- Parenting – All parents and carers are able to develop high quality relationships with their children, establishing effective boundaries and support physical and emotional well-being.
- Libraries – Children and adults benefit from reading and learning opportunities and community groups are supported to achieve a range of outcomes through library facilities.

Input from partners

Developing the plan will need the active involvement of a wide range of partners. These partners, many of those represented on the CTB, include:

- police authorities,
- local probation boards,
- youth offending teams,
- CCGs,
- Connexions Partnerships,
- children, young people,
- parents and carers,
- schools, and
- the voluntary and community sector.

Input from these stakeholders will be in the form of identifying key priorities for the next 5 years, identifying what has changed since the last CYPP.

Timescales

The new Children and Young People Plan is due to be published in April 2016. A draft version will be circulated with the Board in January 2015 before it is taken to the CELS committee meeting on 3 March 2015.

Between now and January, a range of engagement has been planned. This will include:

- Targeted engagement with children and young people including those from disadvantaged backgrounds through existing forums, including: Barnet Youth Board; The UK Youth Parliament; The Role Model Army; The BOBBY Panel; Youth Shield.
- A series of events are being planned for children and young people across the borough, including a convention as part of 'Take over day' in November, focusing on developing a children and young people's Charter.
- Working with partnership organisations to ensure the voices of a wide range of children and young people across the borough are heard