

Report for: Health and Wellbeing Board – 26 May 2021

Title: Partnership response to children aged 0 – 5 years and their families during the Covid-19 Pandemic

Report

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1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 This brief paper frames a presentation to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the partnership response to the needs of children aged 0 – 5 years and their families during the Covid-19 pandemic. The attached presentation sets the response in context and then goes on to summarise how services responded and how they are positioning themselves to recover as lockdown restrictions are eased over the coming weeks.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note the presentation and to comment on how the system wide response could be strengthened as everyone begins to look to recovery and renewal, beyond the immediate crisis of the pandemic.

3. Background Information

3.1 Partners would like to take this opportunity to highlight the huge changes introduced at pace and at scale to ensure continuation of key services throughout the pandemic. Organisations have demonstrated a genuine flexibility of approach which can be seen in the detail of the attached presentation.

3.2 However, partners also recognise that the impacts of the pandemic, and its associated lockdowns, economic downturn and limits on social contact, will be long-standing particularly for the youngest and most vulnerable in our community. There is an appreciation that existing inequalities are being further exacerbated by the pandemic and that it is through the joint recovery and renewal work that partners can seek to redress these inequalities. Despite the adaptability of services, there remains much which is unknown about Covid-19 and there is a need to remain vigilant to further change and impacts over time.

4. Contribution to strategic outcomes

- 4.1 The work described here is part of the borough whole systems approach to ensure all children and young people in the borough have the best start in life. It contributes to the vision set out by partners in the Borough Plan: A Haringey where strong families, strong networks and strong communities nurture all residents to live well and achieve their potential. Adopting a whole systems approach, partners believe, supports engagement of communities in work to improve health and wellbeing across the whole population in the borough as required in both the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Borough Plan.

5. Statutory Officer Comments (Legal and Finance)

Not required as report is for information.

6. Use of Appendices

- 6.1 Presentation attached.

7. Background Papers

Not applicable.