



Haringey Council

Report for:	Health and Wellbeing Board	Item Number:	
Title:	Update from the Outcome 1 Delivery Group		
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Ward(s) affected: All	Report for Key/Non Key Decisions: N/A: for noting		

1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 Three Health and Wellbeing Board Delivery Groups have been set up to cover each of the outcomes from the Health and Wellbeing Board's Strategy 2012- 2015. These are:

- Outcome 1: Giving every child the best start in life.
- Outcome 2: Reducing the life expectancy gap.
- Outcome 3: Improving mental health and wellbeing.

This report provides an update to the Health and Wellbeing Board with regards to the progress from the Delivery Group for Outcome 1.

2. Cabinet Member introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

3.1 Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note, discuss and comment on the contents of the report and the proposed direction of travel for the Early Years Strategy.



4. Alternative options considered

N/A

5. Background information

- 5.1 Early years represents the best early intervention opportunity across the public sector to improve long-term outcomes for local residents and reduce the future financial burden on the state. The evidence base for effective interventions in the early years from conception through to five is growing and underlines the importance of a strong approach by the council and its partners.
- 5.2 The Corporate Delivery Unit's (CDU) review of early years provision in Haringey has demonstrated that, whilst there are many strengths – for example, in the achievement of some outcomes – there are challenges, most notably in the area of early education: only 50 per cent of children here have a 'good' level of development and are ready for school (year one of the national curriculum) by the end of reception year. This assessment at Early Years Foundation Stage covers a range of indicators including emotional health and wellbeing and speech and language development as well as educationally based indicators such as letter and word recognition.
- 5.3 In response to the review and to ensure strategic coherence to improving early years across Haringey, the Early Years Partnership Board has been strengthened and is producing a draft Early Years Strategy with the input of partners including health (provision and commissioning), education, social care, public health, the DWP, adult learning, the private and maintained sectors for child care provision and the voluntary and community sectors. Given its broad remit and approach built on partnership, the decision was taken that the Early Years Partnership Board (the Board) will also act as the Delivery Group for Outcome 1 of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Members of the Board are actively involved in the process to refresh the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and aim to ensure coherence of approach going forward.
- 5.4 The main focus of the Board over the last few months has been to build the partnership and collaborative working necessary to support and drive improvements in early years outcomes and to develop an Early Years Strategy (the Strategy) for the borough. The Strategy is very much a partnership document and the vision sets out our shared ambition to improve outcomes for children in their early years – this is emerging as improved outcomes and opportunities for young children and their families which seek the success of the best in London for all our residents, as one borough.



- 5.5 The draft Strategy is built across four draft priorities which reflect the outcomes set out in the corporate plan:

Priority 1: Improve access to integrated early help services

Priority 2: Improve the health and well being of our young children

Priority 3: Ensure high quality early education and childcare provision for all

Priority 4: Improve access to child care provision

- 5.6 Underlying the Strategy, and drawing together many of the key strategic elements, the Early Years Partnership Board is exploring the possibility of implementing a Universal Healthy Child Programme (the Programme) for Haringey. Whilst pressures on Health Visitor numbers may pose some challenges, the Early Years Partnership Board supports the view that the Programme is best delivered through a partnership approach which would be supported through integrated and collaborative working across a range of clinicians and practitioners. The approach to greater joined up working, therefore, will be developed in response to delivery of the Programme on a universal basis.
- 5.7 The Early Years Partnership Board is working up an operating model for early years provision which will drive improved outcomes for young children and their families at a locality level and build on community assets and strengths. This model will be aligned with the Early Help approach being developed for children and young people across the borough. This thinking is informed by rich data and analysis and notably by the work carried out to support the Big Lottery Fund application for Haringey. The focus, therefore, will be on developing family and community capacity, improving wider outcomes for families through improved access to learning and employment, peer support and joined up health provision and both supporting and holding the local network of early years provision to account for improved outcomes for local young children.
- 5.8 The Strategy will also address quality improvement across all areas of early years provision in the borough. The picture of quality is extremely varied currently, but there are real opportunities to target our capacity and to create a more sustainable approach going forward centring on equity and improved reach.
- 5.9 HAVCO is supporting the engagement of parents and carers in the development of the Strategy and operating models and the voice of parents and carers will contribute both to the thinking and to the final articulation of the Strategy and its recommendations.



6. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and financial implications

6.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this paper.

7. Comments of the Assistant Director of Corporate Governance and legal implications

7.1 The Assistant Director of Corporate Governance has been consulted on this report. There are no specific legal implications arising out of this report

8. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments

8.1 This report is essentially for information of the Early Years Partnership Board (the Board) regarding progress from the Delivery Group for Outcome 1 – Giving every child the best start in life - of the Health and Wellbeing Board's Strategy 2012 – 2015. As such, Policy and Equalities Team have no specific equalities comments to make at this stage.

8.2 However, we note in paragraph 5.3 of the report that the Early Years Partnership Board is producing a draft Early Years Strategy with input from partner Services and agencies and will also act as the Delivery Groups for Outcome 1 referred to in 8.1 above. It is also noted in paragraph 5.6 that the Board is exploring the possibility of implementing a Universal Healthy Child Programme for Haringey.

8.3 The Board should be aware that both the draft Early Years strategy it is producing and the Universal Healthy Child Programme it is considering implementing would have significant implications for the Council's public sector equality duty should both be considered for a full equality impact assessment in due course. It would also require that appropriate indicators are agreed and used to monitor delivery to ensure that the corporate plan priorities restated in paragraph 5.5 of the report are delivered to all Haringey's children whatever relevant protected characteristics they may possess within the meaning of sections 4 – 12 and 17 of the Equality Act 2010.

9. Head of Procurement Comments

N/A

10. Policy Implication

10.1 The Health and Wellbeing Strategy aims to improve the health and wellbeing of children and adults in our borough and reduce health inequalities between the east and west of the borough. The main objective of this Delivery Group is to improve outcomes contained in Outcome 1 of the strategy: 'to give every child the best start in life'.



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11. Reasons for Decision

11.1 For Information only

12. Use of Appendices

N/A

13. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

N/A