

Report for: Health and Wellbeing Board and Community Safety Partnership joint meeting - 12 June 2017

Title: Young People in Haringey – Safety, Resilience and Wellbeing

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1. Describe the issue under consideration

This joint meeting of Haringey's Health and Wellbeing Board and Community Safety Partnership is an opportunity to bring together system leaders to think collectively about a common and shared priority: improving the mental health and wellbeing of young people and their families, with a focus on vulnerable young people .

The focus on vulnerable young people is to:

- develop a better and shared understanding between partners /agencies of a range of local approaches, as well as the complexities and challenges of these.
- Focus partners' thinking about solutions that aim to strengthen co-ordinated approaches in local provision that focus on prevention and early intervention in order to reduce risks to vulnerable young people.

2 Recommendations

Board members are requested to agree a set of principles and actions to improve existing strategic alignments aimed at strengthening prevention and early intervention across the system through:

- Commit to the adoption of a set of Early Help principles across both partnerships and within their organisations;
- Commit to participate and engage in the development and implementation of integrated work arrangements led by the multi-agency Early Help Partnership Board;
- Commit to the alignment of funding, commissioning and workforce development to strengthen the system response in providing Early Help;
- Agree that the actions to deliver these improvements will be led by the Early Help Partnership Board.

3 Background information

- 3.1 Improving the emotional health and wellbeing of young people is a priority across the system in Haringey. The strategies listed below all include a focus on young people:

Health and wellbeing strategy 2015 - 2018

Priority 3: Improving the mental health of children, young people and adults for early help and prevention

The strategy specifies targeting the needs of those most at risk, linking strategic outcomes to work streams focusing on violence against women and girls, gangs and serious youth violence.

<http://www.haringey.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/health-and-wellbeing-strategy>

Haringey Council's Young people's strategy 2015-2018

Priority 4: Co-ordinate engagement to reach vulnerable young people and intervene to ensure their safety and wellbeing.

The strategy is Haringey's strategic framework for improving outcomes for young people so that all achieve their full potential and thrive within their communities.

Emerging issues for young people, such as "running county lines", child sexual exploitation (CSE) and missing from home and education add further complexity to the needs of young people.

http://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/young_peoples_strategy_2015-18.pdf

Haringey's Early Help strategy 2015-2018

Priority one: Delivering prevention and early intervention to reduce escalation of need. Underpinning the strategy is early help service provision with access for all to high quality information, advice and guidance.

This includes opportunities for improving parental knowledge and the understanding of children and young people's development, learning, health and wellbeing throughout their lives.

http://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/2799_101_early_help_strategy_final.pdf

Haringey's community safety strategy 2018- 2022

The strategy is scheduled for completion in the latter part of 2017. It will be informed by a comprehensive strategic assessment. Initial analysis identifies that a key focus should be on tackling violence, vulnerability and exploitation, with an underpinning theme of community confidence.

http://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/community_safety_strategy_2013-2017.pdf

Haringey's local children's safeguarding board strategy 2015-2021 Sets out a number of priorities:

- Priority One: Overhaul the ways in which agencies tackle chronic neglect
- Priority Two: Improve outcomes for children with particular vulnerabilities and those subject to particular risks
- Priority Three: Strengthen cross-borough partnership (including those at risk of CSE, gang activity, trafficking, forced marriage, missing or running away, domestic abuse, radicalisation, serious youth violence, harmful sexual behaviour)
- Priority Four: Develop high quality partnership working at all levels between our agencies

It also has two enabling priorities which are to enable meaningful engagement with children and young people, and promote and develop the children's workforce.

http://www.haringeylscb.org/sites/haringeylscb/files/hscb_annual_report_ar2015-16_final.pdf

NHS North Central London Sustainable Transformation Plan

There are a number of work streams focusing on emotional health and wellbeing including CAMHS transformation plans and prevention. The importance of prevention and earlier intervention in promoting and supporting good mental health and emotional wellbeing of young people and adults is well evidenced and documented in research and this is the approach taken within the work streams.

<http://www.candi.nhs.uk/about-us/north-central-london-sustainability-and-transformation-plan>

3.4 Young people in Haringey – safety, resilience and wellbeing

Appendix 1 provides key information about young people in Haringey.

Appendix 2 summarises the key needs of particularly vulnerable young people in Haringey. It highlights learning from recent Serious Case Reviews (SCRs) and the findings from an analysis of a cohort of young people in Haringey.

This recent analysis looked at the life history of a sample of young people involved in the most prolific youth offending in the borough. This local analysis illustrates well the frequent encounters the young people and their families had with all our agencies from early childhood.

Each individual case study details the concerns expressed by organisations and agencies about the young people and their families . Each case study highlights the many opportunities for early intervention and support from different agencies. The case studies demonstrate:

- a lack of co-ordinated provision from agencies;
- a focus on agency task;
- a lack of grip by any agency taking responsibility in co-ordinating help;
- limited consideration by those helping of the negative impact the issues in the family circumstances might be having on their life chances of the young person.

The impact of the life crises experienced by these young people is captured in the case studies and sets the background for better understanding of the resultant poor outcomes of this vulnerable group of young people.

Appendix 2 also highlights two best practice examples of interventions to tackle some of these issues – Team Around the School (see Appendix 3 for further information) and Project Future (see Appendix 4 for father information). Finally, it details our emerging system approach and Early Help principles.

This first joint meeting of the Community Safety Partnership and Health and Wellbeing Board is an opportunity for system leaders to explore together the complex area of young people’s safety, resilience and wellbeing in Haringey and consider committing to actions to strengthen our systems for prevention and early intervention.

4 Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities

Finance

At this present time there are no financial implications to be considered. However, if at a later stage there are proposals to commit funds in support of actions, there would be a need for finance to review and provide an opinion.

Procurement (CPAH25)

The content of the report has been noted; there are no procurement implications at this stage.

Legal

There are no legal implications arising from the recommendations in the report.

Equalities

When considering solutions that aim to increase, strengthen and co-ordinate approaches in local provision to focus on prevention and early intervention, in order to reduce risks to vulnerable adolescents; the Council and partners will need to make due regard to their public sector equality duty under the

Equalities Act (2010) to tackle discrimination and victimisation of persons that share the characteristics protected under S4 of the Act. These include the characteristics of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex (formerly gender) and sexual orientation; advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not; foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.

6 Use of Appendices

Appendix 1: Key Information on Young People in Haringey

Appendix 2: Summary of the key needs of particularly vulnerable young people in Haringey

Appendix 3: Team Around the School

Appendix 4: Project Future

7 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

N/A