



Agenda Item No: 8

Report To: **Ashford Health & Wellbeing Board**

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Report Title: Annual update from Local Children's Partnership Group

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Summary:

In Ashford the LCPG has a strong local representation from key partner agencies and has identified clear priorities that have been used to commit grant funding and underpin partnership working. These priorities have been aligned to those that young people in Ashford voted for as part of the Kent Youth County Council Campaign: Mental Health, Bullying and Curriculum for Life were the ones that got the most votes.

Recommendations: The Board be asked to:-

Use the local priorities as voted for by young people and as identified through the LCPG to provide direction for the Ashford Health & Well-being Board to inform partnership working on local priorities.

The integration of service delivery to families from both adult and children's services to be developed in Ashford. The Board are asked to support this through the sharing of expertise and promotion of opportunities.

Purpose of the report

To give an overview of LCPGs and the Ashford LCPG

To encourage further partnership commitment to achieving outcomes against identified local priorities for children and young people

Background

Kent County Council Committee confirmed on 12 December 2016, that the Children and Young People's Framework 'Working Together to Improve Outcomes' was adopted to 'Every Day Matters'

The Children and Young People Framework strategy sets out the outcomes that we aspire to for all children and young people growing up in Kent, and the way that we will work in partnership to achieve them

Alongside the development of the framework, local partnership arrangements have been redesigned, with partners in each district coming together to form twelve Local Children's Partnership Groups (LCPGs). Using this framework for our collective efforts to improve the lives of local children, LCPGs will be an active driving force for continuous improvement.

The Children and Young People's Framework is one part of the county's response to meeting the needs of children and young people locally. It is the partnership's strategy, setting out the areas in which we can have a collective impact by working together. It touches on almost all areas that are a priority for us and demonstrates where there are links between different issues; such as child sexual exploitation and absence from school. Additionally, there is a great deal of work in the county with a dedicated focus on issues that represent significant priorities in the county.

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Accountability:

District-focused sub-group reporting to the county-wide Children's Health & Well-being Board and Ashford Health & Well-being Board. There is an LCPG Chairs Group which meets regularly to share good practice/priorities for development between KCHWB & LCPGs across the county. There is a link between the LCPG and the KSCB Safeguarding Leads sub-group.

There is a strong link with the Community Safety Partnership to ensure information is shared and joint working achieved to make best use of resources and learning locally.

Purpose:

To focus on improving outcomes for children and young people in Ashford, picking up local, county and national issues/priorities.

The LCPG meets every other month and uses data that has been given in the form of a county dashboard, under the headings:

- Children and young people grow up in safe families and communities
- Children and young people have good physical, mental and emotional health
- Children and young people learn and have opportunities to achieve throughout their lives
- Children and young people make safe and positive decisions

Also local intelligence is used to agree priorities for local action.

Current priorities in Ashford for the award of Early Help & Preventative grants 2018/19:

- Best Start in Life
- Adolescent Aspiration
- Family Resilience

Conclusion

In order to make the biggest difference in terms of improving the lives of children and young people living in Ashford, the co-ordination of services and use of resources is essential. Schools have been very heavily involved in driving the local agenda particularly in relation to emotional health and well-being. The introduction of Headstart in Ashford in summer 2017 has further developed the active participation of young people at every stage. Headstart has also added to the local expertise and enhance what we are able to offer through universal, targeted and specialist services.

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