

Health and Wellbeing Board Development Opportunities

Re: Children and Young People's Improvement Plan

The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) has a statutory responsibility to improve the health and wellbeing of the children, young people and their families in Cheshire East, reduce health inequalities and promote the integration of services. As the 'accountable body' for the children and young people's improvement plan, it is important that members of the HWBB feel that have the skills, knowledge and ability to monitor, scrutinise and challenge progress against the plan.

Proposed Areas for Development

The following areas have been identified as key areas of knowledge and expertise for the HWBB to enable it to robustly assess progress against the Children and Young People's Improvement Plan:

- Knowledge of the framework for governance, planning, monitoring and signing off action plans
- Knowledge of the role and plans of key partnership forums – The Local Safeguarding Children Safeguarding Board (LSCB), Corporate Parenting Board and The Children and Young People's Trust
- Familiarity with the Quality Assurance Framework – impact around performance (measures) and quality (audit) and participation and engagement (feedback)
- Information on and awareness of Ofsted findings re key features of inadequate authorities
- Familiarity with Frontline practice - Children in need and child protection
- Familiarity with Frontline practice - Cared for children and care leavers
- Familiarity with Role of the Independent Reviewing Officers and Child Protection Chairs
- Familiarity with Cheshire East Consultation Service (ChECS)

Development Opportunities

It is recommended that HWBB members engage in some or all of the following development opportunities which can be arranged dependant on need and the requests of the H&WB membership:

- Frontline visits to key teams – Children in Need/Child Protection/C4C/ChECs/Independent Reviewing Officers/Child Protection Chairs
- Light bite events – 15/30 minute focussed sessions before/after the HWBB
- Attending/shadowing key board meetings – LSCB, Corporate Parenting Board
- Board development sessions
- Attend existing multi-agency training
- Shadowing the Audit process
- Speed dating on core elements of the elements of the improvement plan
- Access to help, support and advice on specific children and families issues via the Children's Improvement generic email – all queries will be routed through the relevant Officer within the service.

NB. It is expected that members of the HWBB prioritise these development opportunities and complete them within the next 6 months (Jan-June 2016)