

REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of Meeting: 29th November 2016
Report of: Kath O'Dwyer, Director of People's Services and Deputy Chief Executive
Subject/Title: Children and Young People's Improvement Plan Update

1 Report Summary

- 1.1. This report updates the Health and Wellbeing Board on the progress against the Children and Young People's Improvement Plan.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:
- a) Note the progress achieved against the Improvement Plan, as set out at Appendix 1 and 2, respectively; and
 - b) Note that the new Improvement Plan for 2017 will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board for endorsement in January 2017.

3 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is the accountable body for the Improvement Plan and has a responsibility to ensure that sufficient progress is being made to address the 25 recommendations for improvement identified by Ofsted in its 2015 inspection report of Children's Services.

4 Background and Options

- 4.1 The Improvement Action Plan was endorsed by the Health and Wellbeing Board in November 2015 and subsequently approved by the Department for Education (DfE). The Health and Wellbeing Board has subsequently received a number of updates around progress against the plan. Appendix 1 provides an annual review of progress since the inspection in July 2015. This review will inform the development of the new Improvement Plan for 2017. Appendix 2 sets out progress against the key quantitative measures to assess impact of the plan.
- 4.2 Progress against the plan is set out under the four key objectives below:
- Embedding listening to and acting on the voice of children and young people throughout services
 - Ensuring frontline practice is consistently good, effective and outcome focused

- Improving senior management oversight of the impact of services on children and young people
- Ensuring the partnership effectively protects and ensures good outcomes for all children and young people in Cheshire East

4.3 In summary, significant activity has taken place since the inspection, and a number of recommendations have now been fully met. The remaining recommendations concern the key cornerstones of practice and providing a consistently good quality of practice, which will require a longer timeframe to achieve the shift in culture and practice to ensure services reach the 'good' level achieved by the Adoption Service. A number of expressions of interest have been submitted to the DfE's Innovation Fund to implement a new model of practice across the service. This will be the focus of the Improvement Plan for 2017, which will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in January 2017.

5 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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