



## The Northamptonshire Children and Young People's Partnership Board's (CYPPB) Outcome and Business Priority proposals for 2011-12

### Background information

The Partnership has agreed that a more focused group of Priorities to improve outcomes for Children and Young People (CYP) would be required for the coming year. A number of proposals were agreed at the Board's meeting on the 13th January 2011. The rationale for their selection is that the proposals are very relevant to the Board's role of ensuring continuing improved outcomes for children and young people. The information available suggests these are areas where significant improvement is necessary and that making progress requires a multi-agency set of responses.

The CYPPB wish to continue to Improve engagement, attainment, achievement and progress for all pupils but with a particular focus on underachieving vulnerable groups, including, Looked After Children, Those with Special Educational Needs, those eligible for Free School Meals, some Black and Minority Ethnic groups and those whose English is an Additional Language. The aim would be to close the gap between different groups performance at the end of each Key Stage. This focus and aim will also extend to cover vulnerable groups 16-19 with regard to improving the number in Education Employment and Training during a time of economic uncertainty.

The CYPPB wish to Ensure all CYP in Northamptonshire are better safeguarded but in particular through

- Firstly improving the recognition and awareness within all organisations' workforces and within the general public in Northamptonshire of the risks to children and young people and the impact of abuse. The aim will be that they better understand their roles and responsibilities for preventing and confronting negligence, abuse and harm.
- Secondly, through promoting safe management and recruitment practices within all organisations across Northamptonshire. The aim will be to ensure all staff are managed, recruited and trained and supported in ways that achieve maximum safeguarding for children and young people.

The CYPPB wish to Ensure CYP are safe from being either the victims of crime or becoming offenders with a particular focus on:

- Reducing the number of first time offenders
- Those re-offending or in custody
- Reducing the number of victims and perpetrators of violent crime including robbery
- Reducing anti-social behaviour.

The aim of this will be to make Northamptonshire a safer place to live for CYP and their families and to reduce the negative impact on Outcomes for CYP which can result from criminal behaviour.



The CYPPB will wish to ensure that Health Inequalities remains a high Outcome Priority. Whilst children are generally healthy in Northamptonshire there are wide variations across the county on a number of measures. The latest information suggests that:

- The numbers of overweight or obese children are increasing at the measured age groups and require concerted action
- Timely access to support around emotional well-being remains an important factor underpinning work on many outcome priorities
- Services targeting substance misuse, whilst working well for treatment, recognise that there are ongoing challenges to be faced around delivering prevention and early intervention services.

Further information is being obtained on the aims which will be set by the partnership on these issues.

The CYPPB wish to ensure their corporate responsibility for improving outcomes for Looked After Children remains a priority however it believes that if the responses of partners in relation to the other agreed priorities include specific actions for this vulnerable group that collectively they will meet identified aims for this group around improved educational attainment, safeguarding, improved health, reduction in offending and being victims of crime.

The partnership wishes to consider the relevance of the increasing focus on the impact of child poverty on CYP Outcomes to their work. They recognise that a Countywide Strategy and plan is being considered and instead to be involved in this work. They therefore expect that some recommendations with regard to their future role in this arena will be put forward at a later stage in the coming year.

Some of the proposed Outcome Priorities present significantly different challenges across the 7 districts/Boroughs and there are some issues which are not being proposed at a county level but which would have a high priority in specific areas. Information about these local variations is being identified and it is expected that when Area-based Children's Plans are in place this will lead to variations in the actions chosen to meet the CYPPB's Priorities and additional Outcomes being chosen for different areas.

In order improve the way in which, by working together, agencies can do more to improve outcomes for CYP the Partnership intends to concentrate on the following existing or new workstreams:

Ensuring joined up services through:

- Continued development of an **Area Based** oversight of service delivery and virtual **Local Area Multidisciplinary Teams (LOT)** and **Integrated Care Pathways** with a **Think Family** approach to considering issues and needs and agreed protocols for **Information Sharing**.

- Continuing the development of a **Single Point of Access** at a local level for families to obtain access to a range of partner's services. This includes a single **Service Directory** of all resources made available by the partnership and a **Family Information Service** as a primary point of advice on a range of issues.
- Continuing to monitor and improve the **Common Assessment Framework** as a key tool for making sure that problems can be addressed early.

Expanding its use of **Joint Planning and Commissioning** opportunities to underpin coherent and effective joint working and best value through:

- Continuing with their existing Section 10 agreement
- Expanding the number of existing Section 75 agreements between the NHS and the County Council to cover all non-acute child health services.
- Completing a Commissioning Plan for the Partnership and also a suite of guidance for use at operational level.

Encouraging **Workforce Reform** through:

- Develop workforce skills and understanding through a common induction process, common core skills and knowledge for new entrants,
- Creating a workforce development guide for the existing workforce incorporating Safeguarding training
- Continue to develop the existing toolkit for training young people to participate in the commissioning process.

Improving the effectiveness of the Children and Young People's Partnership (CYPP) itself through:

- Reviewing the relationships between the CYPP and other partnerships working for the benefit of children and families in Northamptonshire To secure an efficient and effective infrastructure for the partnership which ensures that governance and administrative arrangements support the to board to deliver partnership priorities together with its contribution to the priorities of other partnerships, and which represents value for money; in particular *the Safeguarding Board*.
- Ensuring that the Board's business has clear goals which are monitored and reported on.
- Developing Area Based versions of its plan to allow for more local flexibility of choice and action

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These proposals are out for consultation until the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011