

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Electoral Division affected: All

Lancashire Children and Young People Plan: our starting well strategy

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Executive Summary

The Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2014-17 is the key multi agency strategy for children and young people in Lancashire, which has been endorsed by the Health and Wellbeing Board and adopted as the Starting Well strand of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The CYPP is a three year strategy that sets out how we want to work alongside children, young people and families and in doing so, the outcomes we want them to achieve. It is a statement of our collective ambition for how services, teams and individuals involved in improving the wellbeing of children and young people will work together in a way that provides the best support.

The CYPP has been developed through analysis of data and information, through consultation with partners and most importantly, through talking to Lancashire's children and young people. Over 2,000 children and young people told us what Lancashire is like now, what they would like it to be in the future, and what will help them to get there.

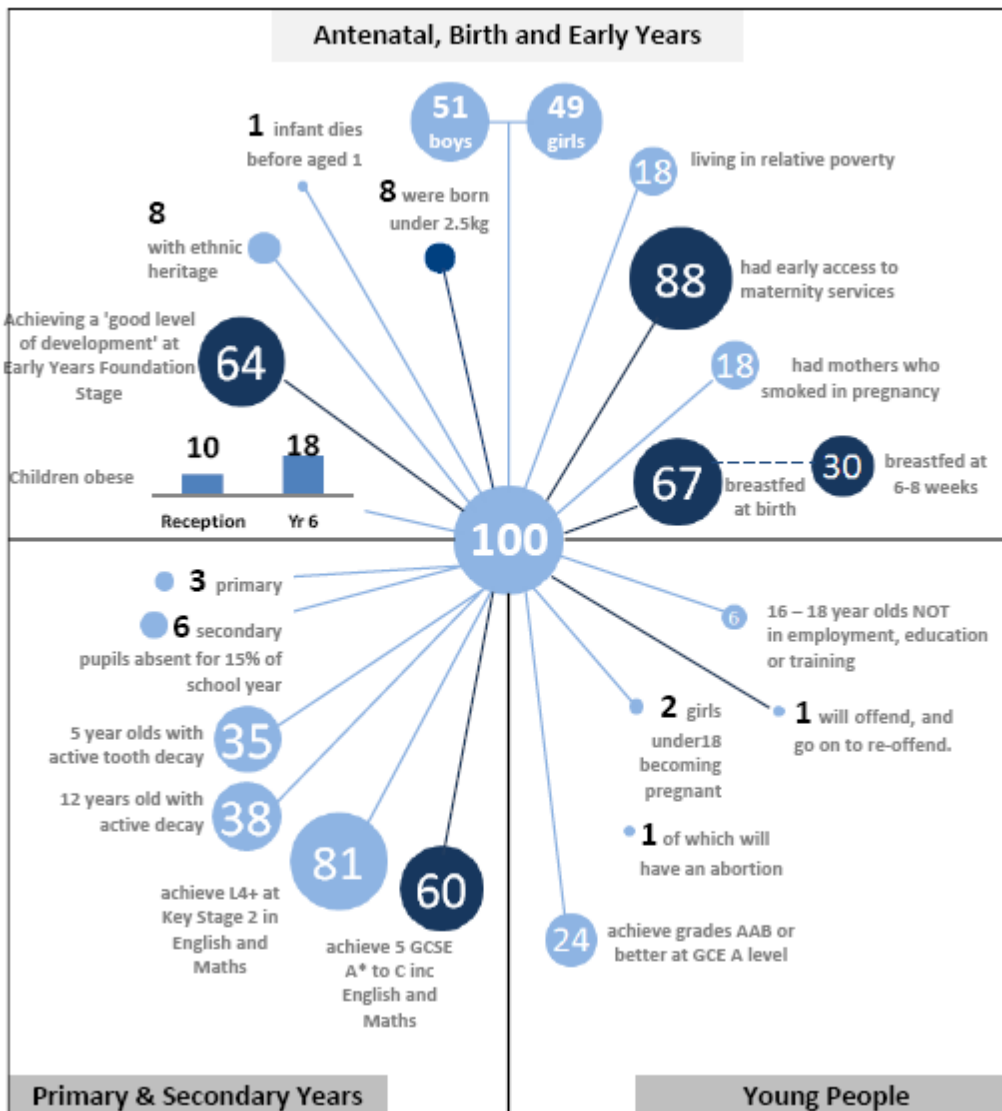
Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to note and comment on the report.

Background and Advice

Alongside information provided by children and young people themselves, the Children and Young People's Plan 2014-17 was informed by a refreshed Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) which provided a wealth of data and information from across all sectors of the children's workforce.

The diagram below shows some of the key data from the 2013 JSNA depicted in the style of, if Lancashire was a village of 100 children.....



Key principles

The CYPP identifies a number of key principles that we should embed in the way we deliver services that support children and young people. These themes have been developed over a number of years, continue to develop, and are fundamental to how we work in the future. It is important that we take this learning that is highlighted in the CYPP so that there we are all clear on and agree to the principles that underpin how we will work together. These key principles include:

Prioritising vulnerable groups – we want to improve outcomes for all children and young people in Lancashire, but, we know that there are many groups of children that are particularly vulnerable and will find it more difficult to secure those positive outcomes. We need to be clear that these are a focus for our services and we will work hard to ensure that we will provide proportionally more support and resources for these groups

Maintaining a family focus – whilst this is a Plan about how we intend to support better outcomes for children and young people we recognise a significant factor in how successful this is, is the family and support around the child. We are committed to supporting the whole family so that we can work together in the best interests of the child.

Identifying support early – we know that very often the outcomes for families are far better if we are able to identify issues and provide the appropriate support at the earliest opportunity. We also know that this is a far better use of resources

Building resilience – we want to work 'with' families and not do 'to them'. We want families to take ownership of the issues they are facing and to help them build the skills, understanding and confidence to overcome them.

Promoting localism – this Plan sets out how we will work with families across Lancashire. Partner organisations will work together locally to understand the needs and strengths of a community and develop priorities that reflect this Plan and other complementary developments, projects and strategies.

Recognising community 'assets' – every child, young person, family and community has a wealth of strengths and assets. This should be the starting point for our conversations with families. Identifying their strengths and looking at how we can build on these and work with the family to overcome the issues they are facing while building their support networks. We also need to be aware of the physical assets in a community, the public spaces, buildings and resources that families can access.

Raising aspirations – we want children and young people to achieve the very best that they can and we want them to aspire to be the very best that they can. We will ensure that we create the stimulus, environment and the support that enables this.

Enabling workforce development – by far the biggest asset and resource that we have to support children and young people is the thousands of practitioners that work with them on a daily basis. We need to ensure that they have the skills and confidence to continue to offer the highest quality services, and how changes can be made to work together better across sectors to help us continually improve.

Better commissioning - we will work with communities to use the commissioning process to understand needs and assets, to plan and design ways to make the best use of resources to improve outcomes for families and to review the impact of services.

The Role of Elected Members

The Children and Young People's Plan is the agreed strategy that is in place to deliver the Starting Well strand of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Elected members should ensure that when they consider and scrutinise elements of delivery that support children and young people (ie Starting Well) that this in line with the priorities and principles agreed through the Children and Young People's Plan.

Consultations

Over 2000 children and young people have provided feedback on what life is like in Lancashire, what can be done to improve their lives and how services can better support them. Many of these children and young people consulted with were from vulnerable backgrounds. These included children in care, children with disabilities and young carers. In addition, the priorities in the Plan were also informed by dialogue and feedback from key partner organisations and sectors.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
Children and Young People's Plan CYPP 2014-17	April 2014	Richard Cooke, CYP Directorate, 01772 536051
CYP Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (see link below) CYP Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2013	July 2013	Ian Bashall, CYP Directorate, 01772 532739
Children and Young People's Consultation CYP Consultation Report	March 2014	Hannah Peak, CYP Directorate, 01772 532686

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate