

Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Panel

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Update from Plymouth Children and Young People's Trust

Plymouth Children and Young People's Trust has been tackling major strategic and organizational change in the latest meetings. This paper outlines the main discussion points for noting by Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

1. Infrastructure and Governance – Aligning priorities, the Plymouth 2020 Partnership and development of the Children and Young People's Plan 2011-2014

The CYP Trust is now formally recognised as a Plymouth 2020 theme group alongside Wealthy, Wise, Health, Cultural Board, and Safe and Strong.

The Plymouth 2020 Partnership has identified four priorities for the city which are:

1. Delivering growth
2. Raising aspiration
3. Reducing inequalities
4. Providing value for communities

The aim is for partner agencies to reflect these four priorities within their own plans.

The CYP Plan 2011-2014 will clearly outline how the CYP Trust is aligning its priorities with the Plymouth 2020 Partnership priorities. The needs assessment to inform the both the CYP Plan and the Plymouth 2020 Report has been carried out and the CYP Trust Executive is continuing to develop the CYP Plan.

Part of the data used to inform the CYP Plan is the Tellus Survey, which is a national online survey carried out in schools by pupils in years 6, 8 and 10. The Survey poses a range of questions framed under the Every Child Matters Outcomes, Be Healthy, Stay Safe, Enjoy and Achieve; Make a Positive Contribution, and Achieve Economic Wellbeing. Over 3,000 children and young people took part in the City from a representative range of schools – this is a dramatic increase against the previous year and is based on additional work with members of youth parliament and youth cabinet. The Trust Board recently received an overview of the survey results for Plymouth and young people from All Saints Academy attended and fed back to the board. The results and feedback will be considered in the continued development of the CYP Plan.

The Trust Board were informed that Tellus 4 has been stopped as a national project which meant that national benchmark survey data will no longer be available. However, there are a range of consultation and engagement activities across Plymouth which provide a rich picture of experiences and attitude of children, young people and adults.

The draft CYP Plan, which has been informed by a broad evidence bank and considers the Trust's contribution to the Plymouth2020 priorities is currently being developed. It will be shared with the Plymouth Safeguarding Children Board, Cabinet, LSP Board and with CYP Scrutiny Panel in January 2011, with the final plan to be approved by CYP Trust Board and Cabinet in March 2011 and ratified by full council in April 2011.

2. Transforming Community Services

Transforming Community Services is a major initiative confirmed in the NHS White Paper: Equity and Excellence; Liberating the NHS 2010

The White Paper states that: *"We will end the uncertainty and delay about the future of community health services currently provided within PCTs. We will complete the separation of commissioning from provision by April 2011 and move as soon as possible to an "any willing provider" approach for community services, reducing barriers to entry by new suppliers."*

Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) are now required by the Secretary of State for Health to implement Transforming Community Services. In implementing this, the PCT's task is to first identify a provider model and then identify the vehicle to deliver that model.

As part of the consultation in October 2010 the Trust Board received details of possible provider models and will now consider if the model the PCT eventually takes forward will support the delivery of the CYP Plan priorities. The Trust Board was informed that two or three years of provider/market development will be needed locally and the preferred option for a provider model will be tested through the submission of provider business cases.

The first stages of implementing the Transforming Community Services agenda need to be in place by April 2011. The commissioning role will transfer to GPs, with resources being allocated to them by an independent NHS Board. Strategic Health Authorities will be removed by 2012 and PCTs by 2013.

The CYP Trust Board will be providing a formal consultation response to the PCT, and the Executive will work closely with PCT colleagues over the coming months to ensure that services are genuinely transformed to meet the aspirations of the Transforming Community Services agenda. In addition the Trust Board will need to review membership to ensure representation from GPs.

3. Forthcoming Issues

As well as continuing to track the development of the Children and Young People's Plan and associated medium term financial plans, the Trust Board will consider proposals around integrated locality services and CAF.