

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S TRUST AND CHILDREN'S
COMMISSIONING STRATEGY 2022 REFRESH - UPDATE**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Health and Wellbeing Board in relation to the Integrated Children's Trust and progress relating to the delivery of the Children's Commissioning Strategy 2022 Refresh

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The North Lincolnshire Health and Care Integration Plan sets the strategic vision and principles for integrated working within North Lincolnshire. The integrated care partnership and governance arrangements established for the place of North Lincolnshire includes the Integrated Children's Trust (ICT) (among others), which is the singular vehicle for developing our integrated approach and commissioning intent across the children and families offer, for our children and families.
- 2.2 Following the publication of the inaugural Children's Commissioning Strategy 2020/24 in September 2020, a 2022 refresh has been endorsed through appropriate partnership and democratic governance arrangements, including the Health and Wellbeing Board. The 2022 refresh aligns with the refreshed Place Partnership strategic intent and the new iteration of the Health and Care Integration Plan.
- 2.3 The 2022 refresh rearticulates our One Family Approach and the local ambition for children to be in their families, in their schools and in their communities; and it resets our integration priorities and commissioning intent across education, health and care for our children and families. Key to this is the focus on integrating with schools as the primary partners, wider partners and the community to meet need at the earliest point, enabling sustainable change within families. The 2022 refresh also refines the 'shine a light' areas of focus, which are now focussed around:
- Emotional wellbeing and mental health
 - Best start in life
 - Adolescents and youth offer
 - Outcomes for children and young people with vulnerabilities

3 OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the update relating to the Integrated Children's Trust and the Children's Commissioning Strategy 2022 Refresh, key points as follows:

- 3.1.1 The ICT has continued to meet to oversee the development and development and implementation of the Children's Commissioning Strategy and there has been an amplified focus on reporting on progress through the Place Partnership governance arrangements
- 3.1.2 From a place based perspective, we have helped to shape and influence the development of the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership Integrated Care Strategy to ensure a focus on children and families within the contents of the health and care integration agenda
- 3.1.3 A Primary Life Survey/Children's Challenge session was held in November 2022, the outcomes of which were fed into the ICT and helped to shape and influence the Children's Commissioning Strategy. There was specific input at the Secondary Matters meeting in November to share the outcomes of the session, as part of an amplified focus on enhancing communications and engagement with schools and settings in the partnership arena
- 3.1.4 Through the Integrated Children's Trust, we have secured the ongoing support and commitment to build on and further develop our integrated children and families offer. This was supported through agenda items in relation to neighbourhoods, the Children's Commissioning Strategy, the interface with the Health and Care Integration Plan and the direction of travel relating to Family and Community Hubs
- 3.1.5 Following publication of Stable Homes, Built on Love Implementation Strategy and Consultation in February 2023, the ICT have taken account of the key messages and the initial implications for the local children's social care system, with a particular focus on family help as part of an integrated children and families offer
- 3.1.6 The ICT have supported the proposal to develop a risk and resilience framework as a preventative approach to supporting children and families to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to improve resilience and stay well, safe and connected and make active choices about their health and wellbeing
- 3.1.7 The Thrive approach continues to be rolled out into schools, which is aimed at developing enhanced support around individual children's needs as well as whole school approaches to social emotional and mental health. Along with the With Me In Mind Mental Health Support Teams in schools, this further strengthens the emotional wellbeing and mental health offer to children within a school setting
- 3.1.8 Work is ongoing to clarify and articulate our strategic intent in relation to a trauma informed workforce, through the One Family Approach Practice Model and the Helping Children and Families in North Lincolnshire document, and to support the development of trauma informed practice
- 3.1.9 The Integrated Youth Offer Group has overseen the completion of the Youth Position Statement in relation to the sufficiency of provision in North Lincolnshire, which demonstrates that local providers have the capacity and skills to deliver effective services to young people; evidence of aspirational programmes; and ongoing support to grow the role of voluntary community and faith organisations.

There is an ongoing focus on further developing the integrated youth offer and the collective use of resources across the partnership, which will be underpinned by a self-assessment and youth strategy

3.1.10 Under the auspices of the shine a light area of focus on improving outcomes for vulnerable children, there continues to be a focus on children with specialist educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Examples of recent progress is that SEND reviews have been set up to support schools in identifying key strengths and areas for further development to improve outcomes for children with SEND; Specialist SEND teachers are further developing their practice to strengthen the rigour on children's lived experiences; and the early years triage is meeting to screen and accurately identify those children whose 2 year old integrated assessments indicate that further support may be required, which is followed up in the early years setting and a further meeting to agree next steps

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 Via the Integrated Children's Trust, there is a continued and amplified focus on developing the integrated children and families offer through the implementation of the Children's Commissioning Strategy 2022 Refresh, and to delivering against the identified shine a light areas of focus, to improve outcomes for our children and families.

5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)

5.1 There are no specific resource implications associated with this report.

6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)

6.1 There are no other relevant implications associated with this report.

7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

7.1 Not applicable.

8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

8.1 Not applicable.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the update in relation to the Integrated Children's Trust and the Children's Commissioning Strategy Refresh 2022.

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