

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**Integrated Children's Trust**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To update the Health and Wellbeing Board regarding the progress and developments under the auspices of the Integrated Children's Trust
- 1.2 To ask that the Health and Wellbeing Board note the progress to date and to support the ongoing developments.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The Integrated Children's Trust, which was established in September 2019, is a partnership of organisations that commission and provide services for children, young people and families in North Lincolnshire. It has a specific focus on the integration of health, social care and education provision for children, young people and families and enables partner agencies to meet their statutory duty, under the Children Act 2004, to co-operate to improve the wellbeing of children.
- 2.2 Under the auspices of the Integrated Children's Trust, we want to create a system that works for all children, young people and families and through our One Family Approach, we will work together towards our ambition for children to be in their families, in their schools and in their communities.
- 2.3 The Children's Commissioning Strategy 2020/24 was endorsed by Health and Wellbeing Board and other relevant partnership and governance arrangements in September 2020. The strategy, along with two other key strategic documents (the Children's Challenge 2020/24 and the Helping Children and Families in North Lincolnshire document 2020/24) set the foundations for driving forward partnership action and system change.
- 2.4 The Children's Commissioning Strategy articulates the areas of focus that the Integrated Children's Trust will 'shine a light' on for partnership action and system change to reduce inequalities and improve outcomes for children, young people and families (emotional wellbeing and mental health, early years and SEND support). There is an ongoing commitment across the partnership to progress at pace so we continue to be in a strong position to respond to local need and drive forward partnership action.

## 2.5 Key progress and developments to date include:

- The three key strategic documents have now been published on the North Lincolnshire Council website.
- Seven multi agency workforce development sessions were held in November and December 2020 to raise awareness of the One Family Approach. 272 staff attended from a range of sectors including education, children's social care, other council services, health, police, housing and providers. Targeted development sessions have also been facilitated where requested.
- Work has been undertaken to further develop the suite of resources to raise awareness, and there are emerging examples to evidence that the One Family Approach is permeating conversations and changing behaviours and practice.
- The One Family Approach is being adopted in the review and re-write of the Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health, Best Start and Special Educational Needs Disabilities (SEND) and Inclusion plans which provide the foundation for driving forward partnership action in relation to the 'shine a light' areas of focus.
- Work is progressing to develop measures of success for the 'shine a light' areas of focus under the auspices of outcomes-based accountability principles.
- A programme of sessions have been held to test out the One Family Approach formulation model at different points of the child's journey to identify learning across a multi agency forum.
- Work has commenced to advance the intelligence available from performance data through a Data Collection Tool prototype that has been developed using emerging software.
- The Integrated Children's Trust is a partnership approach across health, education and the council to improve outcomes for children and families to achieve our ambition of children remaining in their families, in their schools and in their communities. Through the Integrated Children's Trust, there is a focus on maximising opportunities and maximising potential and there are ongoing discussions to develop priorities and progress recovery and renewal planning across the partnership. Building on conversations across the partnership, an Integrated Children's Trust: Education Recovery and Renewal event was held with schools at which 65 leaders attended from the Integrated Children's Trust and education provision to orientate and engage them with the local priorities for recovery and to develop a shared understanding of how these priorities can inform renewal within the system for children.

## 2.6 Areas for further development and next steps include:

In the context of the Health and Wellbeing Board's plan for integration and the agreed commissioning intent, we will drive forward ongoing implementation of the One Family Approach. This will require a continued commitment from commissioners and may lead to service reconfiguration in the future. Implementing our integration agenda will impact on demand management and enable children and families to access information and support at the earliest point leading to better outcomes.

As part of the One Family Approach implementation, we will also:

- Further enhance the One Family Approach web-based presence, communications and resources.
- Finalise the measures of success dashboard to capture the associated 'umbrella' indicators which will be underpinned by data, performance, practice wisdom and voice.
- Further develop the One Family Approach workforce development strategy.
- Undertake focussed work to progress recovery and renewal prioritisation and planning.

## 3. **OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 Health and Wellbeing Board members are asked to note the progress of the Integrated Children's Trust and to support the ongoing developments

## 4. **ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 The work across the partnership to deliver our integrated commissioning intent contributes to our aim to create a system that works for all children, young people and families.

4.2 Through our One Family Approach, we will continue to develop an understanding of our local population through data, performance, practice wisdom and voice in order to address root causes and work innovatively across the partnership to recover and move to long term renewal.

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

5.1 There are no direct financial and resource implications associated with this report, though the implementation of the One Family Approach, through the Children's Commissioning Strategy, will impact on financial and other resources across health, social care and education.

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

6.1 The agreed outcomes under the auspices of the Integrated Children's Trust and articulated in the Children's Commissioning Strategy, align with the outcomes within the Council Plan (safe, well, prosperous and connected).

7. **OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

7.1 An integrated impact assessment has been undertaken for Children's Commissioning Strategy. No adverse impacts were identified.

8. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

8.1 The progress and developments to date have been achieved through ongoing engagement and consultation with all key stakeholders across the partnership.

9. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the progress of the Integrated Children's Trust, supports the areas for further development and endorses their ongoing commitment towards integration and partnership action towards our commissioning intents, including the implementation of the One Family Approach.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

[North Lincolnshire Council | One Family Approach - North Lincolnshire Council \(northlincs.gov.uk\)](http://northlincs.gov.uk)