



Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group



## Health and Wellbeing Board Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

### Children's Trust Briefing to the Health and Wellbeing Board

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#### 1.0 Summary

This regular update briefing commissioned by the Health and Wellbeing Board (H&WBB) from the Shropshire Children's Trust focuses on proposals for a new way forward for the Children's Trust and its sub groups.

#### 2.0 Recommendations

The Children's Trust recommends that the Health and Wellbeing Board agree to:

- have the Early Help Partnership Board report directly to the Shropshire Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB)
- have the 0 – 25 SEND Strategic Board and Healthy Child Programme Partnership Board report directly to Health and Wellbeing Board
- support a collaborative approach utilising the Partnership Board's SharePoint

#### 3.0 Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

The Children's Trust through its associated health and wellbeing outcomes supports the reduction of inequalities across Shropshire

#### 4.0 Financial Implications

No financial decisions are explicitly required with this report, there may be associated resource implications to be considered for some actions.

### REPORT

#### 1.0 Background

On an annual basis the Shropshire Children's Trust considers its priorities and ways of working. In preparation for this consideration a questionnaire was sent out to the 20 members of the Trust. 5 Members responded to the questionnaire.

#### 2.0 Questionnaire responses

Of the responses; all understood the role of the Children's Trust and their role as a member of the Children's Trust while most of the respondents thought it is a useful way to share information and promote partnership working, only 1 respondent felt the Children's Trust effects positive change.

The limited engagement from Members and the responses to the questionnaire led me to consider the most effective way forward for the Children's Trust. As a result of that consideration a proposal was put to the members of the Children's Trust that the Children's Trust as it stands now be replaced by an annual Children's Summit.

### 3.0 Children's Summit proposal

The landscape of partnership working is evolving and the three groups that currently report to the Children's Trust; Early Help, 0 – 25 SEND Strategic Board and the Healthy Child Programme are Partnership Boards in their own right with their own governance structures.

Each of these Partnership Boards has demonstrated their effectiveness in delivering positive outcomes for children and families in Shropshire whilst the Children's Trust is seen as a useful way to share information. The proposal put to the CT Members sees this continue. However, the proposal included that the 0 – 25 SEND Strategic Partnership Board and the Healthy Child Programme Partnership Board report directly to the Health and Wellbeing Board whilst the Early Help Partnership Board reports directly to the Shropshire Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB). The information element of the Children's Trust will not be lost but focussed on an annual consideration of the work of the Partnership Boards, to share learning and collaborate in time limited Task and Finish Groups as appropriate.

In summary:

- Children's Trust replaced with annual Children's Summit
- Early Help Partnership Board report directly to SSCB
- 0 – 25 SEND Strategic Board and Healthy Child Programme Partnership Board report directly to Health and Wellbeing Board
- All Partnership Boards to utilise the Partnership Board's SharePoint to collaborate as appropriate.

### 4.0 Children's Trust Response

The Children's Trust agreed the changes outlined in section 7.0 above, with the first Children's Summit to take place 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019, with a review to this approach scheduled for the Autumn 2021.

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<b>Appendices None</b>