

## Appendix 1: progress against CYPP priorities

<b>Thinking family – families at the centre of all we do</b>	
Simplifying how you access services and information about them	Work is ongoing to put information on what is universally available to children, young people and families in one place through aligning the systems supporting the authority's website and Family Information Service directory; work is also planned to pilot simpler and more effective pathways for outreach and parental engagement activities, and to make better use of existing community providers through Community Action Southwark
Improving the quality, suitability and range of activities for children and young people	In addition to relaunching Southwark Youth Council, establishing youth community councils and reconfiguring the youth service, work is ongoing to further reconfigure provision to secure a better-quality youth offer and more provision delivered through schools and the voluntary sector; this includes ongoing work to ensure young people have control of 20% of the youth services budget, in line with the manifesto commitment in this area. Young people are also involved in reviewing the quality of provision jointly with service managers and have been instrumental in supporting the development of an accreditation strategy to underpin local provision
Independence for children and young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, and their families	Community Action Southwark has been allocated revenue and capital funding to encourage small bids from the voluntary and independent sectors to develop their capacity to increase their short break activities or improve facilities for disabled children and their families; work is ongoing to further enhance the offer to families through the new arrangements for the delivery of community health provision in the borough; over the coming two years, this service area will be transformed through more effective commissioning, streamlined pathways and reconfigured thresholds to improve the choice, control and independence of children and families. A joint transition team across adults and children services is being developed
Children and families being a healthy weight	We have undertaken extensive consultation with children and young people to identify key actions that will deliver improvements in current obesity trends, and this has been the catalyst for our targeted approach in schools, particularly at year 5. In addition, the Free Healthy School Meals programme is underway, with full roll-out to all primary schools planned for September, and this is complemented by targeted work with parents and young children through children's centres in 'obesity hotspot' areas
More effective support for families most in need	Following a review of parenting provision, we are bringing together parenting support services and programmes across universal, targeted and specialist services into a new delivery unit, and are turning one of our children's centres into a dedicated family centre for work with high-risk families
<b>Narrowing the gap – better and more equal life chances for all</b>	
Better health for babies, infants and mothers	Work is underway to reconfigure the current community midwife service and pathway through children's centres to strengthen support. The PCT has also conducted a deep-dive analysis into the cause of infant mortality locally, and this is supporting service development in this area
Early years provision that meets the needs of vulnerable children	The reconfiguration of children's services to embed our integrated working teams has been completed; the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment is in its final stages – this will underpin changes to local childcare provision with a focus on more vulnerable groups; work is also underway to implement the manifesto commitment to target help at the most disadvantaged groups to increase take-up of childcare and early years services, and to recommission more effective packages for children in need

Children in care achieving their educational potential	The looked after children education service has been restructured, and a virtual head appointed. Work is underway to develop pupil tracking and support to help improve progress for this group
Raising the achievement of those groups falling behind	We conducted a comprehensive equality impact assessment regarding attainment and this has informed future service developments; Assessing Pupil Progress materials have been rolled out across all primary and secondary schools, including academies, through an innovative partnership with the Institute of Education; and the integrated child support service is now operational, providing multi-disciplinary support to schools through two locality-based teams operating in the north and south of the borough. We have developed more robust data systems to ensure we can capture the needs and outcomes of our most vulnerable young people and target resources accordingly
<b>Raising the bar – high-quality provision that meets local needs</b>	
Children are school ready and schools are child ready	We are revising the commissioning model to enable more tailored support, enable the development of provision that works across a range of providers, and ensure provision is underpinned by a clear framework of impact and improving outcomes for individual children. Continued good progress is being made in early years foundation stage profile outcomes supporting improvements in this area.
Every school and setting aspires to excellence	We are responding to the developments in the education white paper and new legislation, including revising the school improvement strategy; this includes a focus on shifting schools from good to better, and exploring school improvement options with outstanding schools in the borough
Schools and settings are able to meet their students' needs	The recently released special educational needs green paper promises wholesale reform of this area, and we are beginning to formulate responses to the challenges around integrated working across health, education and social care, increased focus on earlier support and intervention and personalisation
Raising attainment at 19	Progress includes reconfigured delivery of information, advice and guidance to ensure provision better meets the needs of local learners. This new service comes into effect from 1 April
<b>Succeeding into adulthood – at-risk young people achieve wellbeing</b>	
More young people in education, employment or training	Work is ongoing to establish a 'youth fund' of £1m each year for the duration of the three-year budget to support young people, in particular for the mitigation of the high youth unemployment in the borough and the impact of the removal of education maintenance allowances; in addition, a drop-in centre for young people in care who are not in education, employment or training has been set up to inspire and facilitate their return to learning.
Young people in care succeed as young adults	A multi-agency group has been formed with responsibility for ensuring a joined-up approach for care leavers to ensure a smooth transition into adulthood. The group has developed strong working partnerships providing a holistic range of support for looked after children and care leavers. This includes co-locations for professionals from CareLink, lead looked after children health professionals, Connexions, housing support and professionals from the looked after children education team. A joint agency-funded post through Southwark Works also provides targeted employment and training advice for all looked after children. The creation of the corporate apprenticeship scheme is also providing valuable work experience for many looked after children and care leavers
Less crime by and against young people	Targeted work with the youth offending service to support improvements in quality of assessment and assurance. A restructure has enabled greater capacity for statutory work. Outcome indicators for reoffending and first time entrants show improvements as a result.

	Following an item at the children's trust and joint work with Safer Southwark Partnership, a leadership working group is developing a shared approach to managing the high-risk and/or high-prevalence youth offender cohort to inform new ways of working and manifesto commitment to reduce serious violent crime
Lower rates of teenage conceptions	The Teenage Pregnancy Commission, which has members from across all Southwark's diverse communities, is due to report its recommended actions to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services in April; with accepted recommendations taken forward in 2011/12 commissioning cycle
<b>Working together – children are safeguarded from harm and neglect</b>	
Services that meet the needs of our children and community	Lay members have been appointed to the Southwark Safeguarding Children Board, which has been strengthened to increase its assurance role and focus on practice improvement through a new transformational learning approach and a programme of inter-agency audits; Afruca has been commissioned to continue its work with the community, including staff training and working in the black African community to raise awareness of safeguarding issues, including facilitating relationship building between safeguarding services and community groups. It also began working more collaboratively with the voluntary sector to develop a network and information exchange for local community organisations, faith groups and communities to promote safeguarding awareness; service reconfiguration includes the establishment of a specialist pre-birth team to work holistically with vulnerable mothers
A stronger family-based approach to safeguarding	By working with the range of services, such as adult mental health and children's centres, we are in the process of scoping how we can deliver greater innovation and support to families at most risk – this includes the designation of a children's centre as a multi-agency family assessment centre; in addition, a family focus service has been established following review of parenting and council-wide discussions are taking place around developing new ways of working around shared vulnerable families
Fewer children and families experiencing domestic abuse	Following an item at the children's trust and Safer Southwark Partnership, provision is currently being reconfigured in line with the recommissioning model, resource allocations and the decommissioning arrangements of current providers agreed by the trust