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Purpose

The 2010-2013 Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) took effect on 1 April 2010. This report provides a summary of progress towards achieving these priorities as well as of the priorities for the rest of the year.

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

1. Note progress towards achievement of CYPP priorities, as set out in appendix 1
2. Agree priorities for the rest of the year in achieving further progress

Strategic issues for discussion

An analysis of performance across a range of key measures for 2010/11 demonstrates services are performing well in providing effective, quality services and improving the outcomes of the children and young people of the borough. Across the partnership, there has been solid progress towards achieving the priorities set out in the CYPP, the headlines of which are set out in appendix 1 alongside the key priorities for the rest of the year.

This progress is set against the context of a rapidly changing national and local landscape, including diversification of the schools system, wholesale transformation of health structures, anticipated overhaul of the safeguarding system as a result of the Munro Review, and significant budget reductions across all partners. The CYPP has, and will continue to be, the backbone of partners' actions to improve the quality of provision and services, as well as plans for transformation, achieving savings, and commissioning and decommissioning decisions.

These national and local changes present immense challenges. In order to continue to raise the bar in outcomes, and achieve locally agreed priorities, partners have committed to accelerating the transformation of the local system. This includes being determined to reduce duplication, streamline pathways and processes, and ensure reduced resources are channelled to maximum effect on the front line. It is essential that early intervention has the impact intended, and that all partners continue to foster a culture of excellence, innovation and autonomy that provides the best opportunities for children, young people and families to thrive. This means a continued emphasis on strong universal services, with a diversity of provision and providers, and an increasing focus on protecting young people and families who are most vulnerable through targeted, early interventions and high-quality specialist services that meet their needs.

Progress against five themed priority areas

There has been good progress against all five priority areas of the CYPP, as follows:

Thinking family – families at the centre of all we do

As well as improving young people's participation in decision-making, reconfiguring

integrated and targeted youth provision, and improving the range and quality of provision for young people, work is also ongoing to increase the number of families who are a healthy weight through a good range of programmes to promote healthy lifestyles, including establishing a joint review action group. In addition there has been strong performance improving the health, educational attainment and independence of children with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, and provision for families most in need has been reconfigured to provide a holistic spectrum of intervention and support.

Narrowing the gap – better and more equal life chances for all

There have been further improvements in educational outcomes for a number of ethnic groups across all key stages and subjects, with many performing in line or above national or statistical neighbour averages. At early years foundation stage, for example, the gap between the lowest 20% of children and the rest of the cohort has further narrowed for the fifth successive year. In addition, ongoing investment and reconfiguration of maternity and antenatal services is leading to better performance, such as early access to services, breastfeeding and immunisation rates.

Raising the bar – high-quality provision that meets local needs

There have been accelerated and sustained improvements in attainment across all key stages, resulting in performance in line or above comparator averages. In addition a refreshed school improvement strategy, with strong leadership, support and challenge to schools and settings, resulting in continued improvements in standards across all key stages, particularly at early years foundation stage. In addition, there have been above-national average increases in attainment at 19, including strong performance raising attainment in sixth-form provision, including being the most-improved borough in 2010 for average point score per student.

Succeeding into adulthood – at-risk young people achieve wellbeing

Successes include strong improvements in both participation and attainment at post-16, falling rates of those not in education, employment or training, which are the lowest in central London, declines in reoffending and first time entrants rates for young offenders, and reductions in teenage conceptions, which have fallen over 25% in the ten years since 1998. Partners' transformation plans will ensure there are strong multi-agency approaches and strengthened pathways to specialist support through universal and targeted provision.

Working together – children are safeguarded from harm and neglect

A comprehensive range of services and support continue to ensure children and young people have a safe environment including further reductions in the numbers of fatalities and serious injuries from road accidents. There has also been solid performance in identifying, assessing and safeguarding children, alongside effective multi-agency work to support children with a child protection plan, as well as ongoing work to transform domestic abuse provision to better support families in need.

Priorities for the year

As outlined in appendix 1, however, services are setting strong priorities, which focus on improving outcomes in the context of reduced resources. These include a greater focus on early help, supported by effective, integrated services working to improve all aspects of the child's journey and reduce the need for statutory intervention. Further action is also required to tackle the borough's most intractable problems, including the local high levels of child obesity, and to accelerate progress in reducing teenage conceptions, youth offending and numbers of young people not in education, employment or training. At a universal level, priorities focus on improving the quality and choice of services, as well as fair access to them, with children and families supported to participate as fully as possible.