

**CFE Brief Update for POC progress against Idea Peer Review Report**

There are many activities undertaken by the CFE directorate designed to improve health and wellbeing of children and families. The main priorities are listed in the attached table. Other points to emphasise include:

**The Children and Young People's Health Commissioning Team (C&YPHCT):** The 2 Kent PCTs have signed up to a formal agreement enabling CYP health services to be commissioned by a single team for Kent as part of Kent's Children's Trust arrangements. This team is co-located with KCC, with the Director of Children's Health an associate Director of both PCTs and of KCC CFE. This is enabling improvements in planning, commissioning and delivery of community and some acute health services.

**The Kent Health Inequalities Action Plan** includes key actions from CFE to support Public Health. Supporting greater 'joining up' of approaches from different Directorates.

**A Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Children** has been produced and widely circulated in CFE and partner agencies. This offers an easy to use way of accessing both the facts and figures relating to children and young people's health and puts this information together with best practice identified through research findings.

The JSNA, along with MOSAIC and other data, is informing the Kent Children's Trust Children and Young People's Plan and the 23 Local Children and Young People's Plans.

(From September 23 Local Children and Young People's Partnerships will be established covering the whole of Kent. These partnerships are charged with improving outcomes for children and young people through multi-agency working with key agencies. Each Partnership is currently in the process of carrying out a local needs assessment and developing a local plan to achieve this.) see

[http://www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/Children/kct\\_countydata.cfm](http://www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/Children/kct_countydata.cfm) and [http://www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/Children/kct\\_newsletter.cfm](http://www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/Children/kct_newsletter.cfm) for further information.

**The updated Kent CYPP**, which is currently under development, seeks to reduce the number of priorities Kent Children's Trust (KCT) is tackling and identify clear outcome measures for each of the 9 Priorities. All of the priorities will impact on the wider determinants of health where they do not directly seek to impact on health.

## Appendix 2a

The priorities in the Kent CYPP refresh are as follows:

1	To reduce the impact of poverty (generational and situational) on children lives by tackling the underlying causes and mitigating the effects.
2	To draw on and improve resilience in C&YP to help them make informed and healthy/safe choices and develop coping strategies. To include a focus on C&YP with emotional and/or mental health problems.
3	To improve parenting by implementing every Parent Matters and developing more effective multi agency support and early intervention for families experiencing problems. To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• taking action to increase fathers involvement in their children's upbringing</li> <li>• reducing the incidence &amp; impact of domestic violence and substance misuse on children and families</li> <li>• improving the communication &amp; interaction development of younger children</li> </ul>
4	To improve the quality and stability of housing provision for vulnerable Children & Young people through to early adulthood.
5	Supporting Vulnerable Children to improve their life chances including improving the achievement and quality of life for young carers by implementing the Kent Young Carers Strategy.
6	To ensure more young people have things to do and safe places to go in their leisure time and improve outcomes for adolescents at risk to themselves and potentially others, through for example implementation of the Integrated Youth Strategy.
7	To increase engagement and participation by young people in education, employment and society in order to prevent disaffection and improve security.
8	Children and Young People are safe and feel safe in the communities where they live, go to school, play, and work – with a focus on taking action to reduce the incidence and impact of bullying in school and the community
9	Leadership and Collaboration in place to ensure aspirations can be delivered

**The Government's Change for Children programme:** The development of integrated front-line services for those children who need them, improving professional information sharing, use of the Common Assessment Framework, Lead Professional, and Contact Point, as well as other government initiatives including Workforce Reform and Targeted Youth Support and our Parenting Strategy are also all contributing to

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improving multi-agency working to improve outcomes for children and young people are all well underway in Kent.

Although our Joint Area Review (JAR) report has not yet been published, we understand it will be very positive about the way Kent is taking forward the whole children's agenda. Although we know there are still improvements to make, we are making good progress in improving outcomes across the 5 Every Child Matters key outcome areas:

- Stay Safe
- Be Healthy
- Enjoy and Achieve
- Achieve economic well-being and
- Make a positive contribution

We recognise that we need to further develop the way we performance manage this work and work to tackle this is underway.