

**From:** Andrew Ireland, Corporate Director of Social Care Health and Wellbeing

**To:** Peter Oakford, Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services

**Decision No:** 16/00116

**Subject:** **WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES - KENT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S FRAMEWORK 2016 -2019**

**Classification:** Unrestricted

**Previous Pathway of Paper:** Children's Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee – 10 November 2016

**Future Pathway of Paper:** Cabinet Member decision

**Electoral Division:** All

**Summary:** The multi-agency 0-25 Health and Wellbeing Board has led the development of a Children and Young People's Framework 'Working Together to Improve Outcomes' to replace Every Day Matters as Kent's partnership strategy for children.

The document has now had the approval of the 0-25 Health and Wellbeing Board and endorsement of the Children's Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee to adopt the framework as policy.

**Recommendation(s):** The Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services is asked to **APPROVE** the adoption of Working Together to Improve Outcomes: Kent Children and Young People's Framework 2016-2019, as Kent's partnership strategy for children and young people.

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The multi-agency 0-25 Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) is the key partnership group in place for ensuring partners work together to deliver collaborative working at county level. During the past year Local Children's Partnership Groups have been established to support multi-agency working in each district.
- 1.2 Officers have been working with the 0-25 HWBB and the Local Children's Partnership Groups to develop a new framework: "Working Together to Improve Outcomes" in order to set a clear direction of travel for the work of these partnerships.

## **2. The Framework**

- 2.1 The current framework for children and young people's services is Every Day Matters, developed in late 2012 from Kent's Children's Services Peer Review. This document provides an overarching framework for seamless integrated delivery of Kent County Council's Children's Services. This framework was then adopted and rolled out in April 2013.
- 2.2 In 2015 the 0-25 HWBB agreed to refresh this framework to ensure a clear focus on local indicators and outcomes. The aim is that the new Children and Young People's framework 'Working Together to Improve Outcomes' will enable local partners to work more closely together, focusing on the key challenges in their communities and developing local action plans to enable the children and young people in their communities to flourish.
- 2.3 The new Children and Young People's framework focuses on four outcomes, and seventeen indicators. These have been agreed through work with the 0-25 HWBB, Local Children's Partnership Groups and following engagement with children and families. The four outcomes are that children and young people in Kent:
- Grow up in safe families and communities
  - Have good physical, mental and emotional health
  - Learn and have opportunities to achieve throughout their lives
  - Make safe and positive decisions
- 2.4 Delivery of the framework will be taken forward through work at district level, and with engagement between local and county wide partnership groups. A dashboard has been developed to show performance in each district. This will be used to track progress, identify priorities and develop action plans.
- 2.5 A copy of the new framework 'Working together to Improve Outcomes' is attached to this paper as Appendix 1.

## **3. Legal Implications**

- 3.1 Kent County Council has a duty to ensure that partner organisations in Kent co-operate to improve outcomes for children. This duty is enshrined in the Children's Act 2004, and places responsibility upon the Council to put in place arrangements to support collaboration.

## **4. Equality Implications**

- 4.1 There are no equality implications associated with this report as there is no change to any policy or eligibility criteria.

## **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## 6. Conclusions

- 6.1 Following approval by the 0-25 HWBB, Officers are seeking endorsement of the Children's Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee to adopt the new framework 'Working Together to Improve Outcomes' as policy.
- 6.2 The framework is intended to support improved outcomes for children and families in Kent, and to provide an effective means to support multi-agency partnership, prioritisation and participation.

## 7. Recommendations

7.1 Recommendations: The Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services is asked to **APPROVE** the adoption of Working Together to Improve Outcomes: Kent Children and Young People's Framework 2016-2019, as Kent's partnership strategy for children and young people.

## 8. Background Documents

None

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