

Children and Young People's Trust Update

REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE



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PURPOSE

1. To inform the Community Services Committee of progress and performance towards delivery of the Children and Young People's Plan (CYP Plan) 2012-13.
2. Provide performance details as requested (to be tabled at the meeting.)

RECOMMENDATION

3. The Community Services Committee comment on the content of the report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

4. The Children and Young people's trust addresses the priorities and issues of concern for Burnley's children, young peoples and families.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

5. The CYP plan identified 4 priority areas:
 - a. Early years foundation stage and parental support
 - b. School attendance
 - c. Alcohol misuse
 - d. Domestic abuse
6. Each priority area has an action plan and sub group driving forward the delivery of the action plan. The performance and progress towards delivery is as follows:
7. Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

The proportion of children in Burnley achieving 78 points across the EYFS is lower than Lancashire and England averages. There is a correlation between educational attainment and levels of deprivation with more deprived areas tending to report lower levels of attainment. Levels of attainment in the EYFS in Burnley, have been below the England average and tend to report low levels of attainment in subsequent key stages. However, the trend is in the right direction with results improving from 41% in 2008 to 44% in 2012 achieving the 78 points.

The EYFS has undergone changes to its profile in 2012 and a revised measure of attainment will be published in 2013.

Actions:

- Support workforce development of the new EYFS framework including a partnership day in July, training for child minders and private nursery providers.
- Training given to teachers delivering childcare courses at Burnley College.
- Raise profile of the range of professions for EYFS through information, advice and guidance.
- Increase the number of 2 year olds accessing free nursery places, promoting the scheme with partners and increasing referrals. 60 additional children were placed in Burnley. Further work on the sufficiency of childcare places in Burnley is on-going.
- Delivery of Best Start across all schools in Burnley to support children in Reception and their families providing parenting workshops and 1:1 sessions.
- Parenting practitioner's forum established to support a Burnley offer of parenting courses and support.

8. School Attendance

Pupils who are persistently absent from school tend to do poorly in examinations, are less likely to secure a good job and are more likely to become involved in crime.

Burnley absence decreased each year to 5.7 in 2010/11.

Actions:

- Maintain the profile of school attendance through school attendance week in September 12 including truancy sweeps, school competitions and a celebratory event.
- Work with health partners including health visitors and school nurses to tackle health related absences including individual school assessments to develop action plans for health needs and the development of a health leaflet.
- Increase statutory interventions through truancy sweeps and training for attendance staff on parenting contracts, and fixed penalty notices.
- Cluster network established with primary and secondary schools and the community faith centre to target the issue of extended leave.

9. Alcohol misuse

Evidence of binge drinking in Lancashire is provided by the number of alcohol-specific hospital admissions of young people. Some parts of Lancashire have rates around double the England average. Burnley recorded the highest rate.

Action:

- Work with Inspire adult treatment services to recognise the needs of children and young people in families with alcohol misuse with a hidden harm focus group.
- Emotional health teams embedded into Inspire to undertake joint visits with families
- Proud parenting courses developed for parents in treatment

- Common assessment framework training undertaken by Inspire workers to assess a families overall needs
- Partnerships between children's centres and adult treatment services established

10. Domestic Abuse

The Department of Health estimates that, every year, 750,000 children experience domestic violence. Domestic abuse has damaging effects on the health and development of children. Over half (56%) of children from violent homes show three or more of these kinds of disruptive behaviours whilst at secondary school. The damaging impact is even seen in primary school children.

Lancashire Contact and Referral Team (CART) received 1,126 referrals relating to domestic violence in Burnley during 2011/12, representing 12% of those received across Lancashire

Actions:

- School based education programmes on the impact of domestic abuse
- Multi agency training for to enable appropriate actions to be taken to increase the safety of victim including police, Inspire workers
- Childrens service coordinator post at ELWRA
- Burnley safenet and temporary children's outreach worker

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

11. There are no financial implications and all work has been undertaken in partnership within existing budgets

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

12. The Plan contributes to a number of outcomes within the Councils strategic plan

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

13. Children and Young Peoples Trust – July 2012

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 14. Lancashire Children and Young People's Plan
- 15. Children and Young Peoples Plan 2011-12 and 2012-13.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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ALSO: