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<u>Report summary table</u>	
Report title	Children and Young People (CYP) Sub Committee Update Report
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List of attachments	<p>Attachment 1 (Attached for information is the current version CYP Plan on a Page 2018/21; a reference tool outlining the entirety of the plan including the four outcomes, four overarching themes and the 11 priorities)</p> <p>Attachment 2 Evaluation of the Children's Workforce Training Programme 2019-2020</p>
Background papers	<p>Children and Young People's Plan (CYP Plan) 2018/21</p> <p>https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/policy-and-documents-library/children-and-young-peoples-plan</p>
Summary	<p>The Children and Young People Sub Committee of the Health and Wellbeing Board takes the strategic lead in developing the local Children and Young People's Plan (CYP Plan) and ensures the priorities identified in the CYP Plan 2018/21 are delivered.</p> <p>The Plan has always been closely aligned to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy; it is in effect the delivery arm of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for children and young people in addition to the work of the B&NES Community Safety and Safeguarding Partnership.</p> <p>This report seeks to highlight to the Health and Wellbeing Board the progress and approach being taken regarding the development of the new CYP Plan and seek their views on areas of particular concern for children and young people that Partner agencies are seeing emerge.</p>
Recommendations	<p>The Board is asked to:</p> <p>Recommendation 1: Note the overview of the Children and Young People Plan 2021/24 development session</p> <p>Recommendation 2: Note and approve the proposed areas of initial focus for the Plan and ensure these fit with the Health and</p>

	<p>Wellbeing Board forthcoming Strategy</p> <p>Recommendation 3: Note the Evaluation of the Children's Workforce Training</p>
Rationale for recommendations	To support and guide the Sub Committee in the progression and development of the new CYP Strategy which is required for 2021/24.
Resource implications	The CYP Plan 2018/21 is delivered in the current financial envelope. The new Plan 2021/24 has not yet considered whether additional resources are required for its delivery however partners are cognisant of the current financial pressures B&NES Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group and the Council face. Where possible and appropriate opportunities for alternative funding to support the new Plan will be pursued.
Statutory considerations	Much of the work in the CYP Plan contributes toward meeting the statutory duties of the Council and BSW CCG in respect of health and social care. The Council also commission the Participation Service delivered by Off the Record; this service helps support the delivery of the statutory duty.
Climate change	<p>The existing CYP Plan aims to maximise resources whilst minimising the impact on environment.</p> <p>The draft 2021/24 Plan will set out how the reduction on the impact on climate change will be supported.</p> <p>The Youth Forum over the coming year will campaign on climate change as one of their areas of focus and are keen to work closely with agencies to help improve recycling and do more, helping to reduce the carbon impact by 2030.</p>
Consultation	This report is produced on behalf of the CYP Sub-Committee. Children and young people's comments and areas of focus have been listened to and taken into account and included as part of the development session and the draft Plan will be shared for comment with them before coming Health and Wellbeing Board for discussion and approval. The Children In Care Council and Youth Forum would like the opportunity to present their work and issues to the Board early in the new year.
Risk management	A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.

THE REPORT

1.1 Introduction

The report sets out the progress the Sub Committee have undertaken regarding the development of the new CYP Plan for 2021/24. The Sub Committee would like the Health and Wellbeing Board to highlight any priority areas they would like the Committee to consider whilst developing the Plan that aren't set out below.

1.2 Overview of the Development Session held on 29/07/2020 and Feedback from the Most Recent Sub Committee on CYP Plan for 2021/24

The CYP Sub Committee commenced the development of the new CYP Plan for 2021/24 at a session at the end of July. The Sub Committee and other policy / strategy leads were invited to contribute; the voice of young people was represented using feedback from previous meetings.

The purpose of the session was:

- to review the outcomes, commitments and priorities of the existing Plan and consider whether they remain relevant and are for inclusion in the new Plan 2021/24 and
- identify and discuss the presenting themes and issues for children and young people

There was broad consensus that the existing outcomes remained key. The initial view on the existing commitments was that two should change with two remaining and two changing - the four commitments set out how we will achieve the outcomes – we will all agree to do this by:

- Ensuring a Think Family Approach is embedded – ensuring closer working between adults and children's services
- Strengthening Early Help thinking and action in our agencies
- Tackle Inequalities
- Hearing the Voice of the Child

The group were clear to note that through committing to tackling inequalities this would include narrow the achievement gap ¹ and by changing this commitment it would be more inclusive of issues such as food poverty; there was a clear specific concern about the potential longer term impact of COVID-19 on the social and economic situation for vulnerable families.

Members at the development session were in broad agreement that the 11 priority areas are still relevant (see Appendix 1 with the detail of these priorities). Work has progressed in all of the priority areas and has been reported to the Board previously.

¹ Narrowing the Gap is a commitment of the 2018/21 CYP Plan - there is a continued concern for our position in this area and the impact of COVID-19 needs quantifying.

Priorities 1, 3 and 6 are being progressed by the B&NES Community Safety and Safeguarding Partnership and a further challenge has been requested for the BCSSP to consider the impact of COVID-19 in relation to these as well.

Presenting themes and issues include a potential deterioration in children and young people's mental health and wellbeing and food poverty. Representatives from the Youth Forum and In Care Council have highlighted the need for additional focus on mental health and wellbeing. The Sub Committee are of the view that both of these are exacerbated by the impact of COVID-19 and there is evidence to support this. Therefore, will ensure these are included in the new draft Plan.

The Sub Committee now need to consider how to prioritise the areas of focus which are included within the CYP Plan 2021/24 and will review which are business as usual and can be stepped down from this level of monitoring. The Committee are conscious this needs to be done within existing resources and will be discussing at its next meeting a prioritisation matrix which will be shared as part of the decision making about which areas need to be included going forward. This will include evidence to inform the draft Plan.

Finally, one of the 2018/21 commitments was to have a skilled and competent workforce; we demonstrate this by a number of mechanisms however one is the annual evaluation of the Training Programme which is shared in Appendix 2. As there has been an increase in the number of children in the area with highly complex needs, the Sub Committee are discussing with the training programme manager the specialist training that is required across the sector – further details of this will be discussed at the Children and Workforce Steering Group meeting which reports into the Sub Committee.

1.3 Next Steps

- Detailed review of progress on existing priorities and what will be reported as business as usual and what needs to remain a priority area in the new Plan
- Prioritisation matrix to help determine the order of priority based on need and evidence
- Draft CYP Plan 2021/24
- Consultation with Children and Young People and confirmation about the wider consultation arrangements
- Draft Plan to the Health and Wellbeing Board for sign off before 31st March 2021