

Report of the Chief Executive to the Chair and Members of the Operational Policing Panel – 2009.

Presenting Officer: Mrs Sarah Wilson

Status: For Information

Local Children and Young People's Plans

1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report is to inform Members of the contents of the Children and Young People's Plans published by the Children's Trust Boards (CTBs) for Hartlepool, Stockton, Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland. A summary of the four documents is attached in appendices A – D.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members note this report.

3 Reasons

- 3.1 The Laming Report on the death of Victoria Climbié recommended that services for children and young people should become more integrated. This led to the publication of the Government's green paper, Every Child Matters, and the establishment of local Children's Trust Boards to bring health and social care of children under one management structure.
- 3.2 All CTBs have a statutory duty to produce a Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) under the Children and Young People's Plan (England) Regulations 2005 and the Children and Young People's Plan (England) (Amendments) Regulations 2007. This document should be the key overarching plan for the provision of services to children, young people and their families.
- 3.3 The CYPP is linked to the Sustainable Community Strategy.

- 3.4 The CYPP reflects the key priorities regarding children and young people in the LAA and provides the action plans for delivery against these priorities.
- 3.5 There is a statutory duty on responsible authorities, including Police Authorities, to cooperate in the provision of services.
- 3.6 The Every Child Matters agenda, through the Children Act 2004, focuses on ensuring that all children and young people, regardless of their background, are given the opportunity to achieve the following 5 outcomes:
- Be healthy
 - Stay safe
 - Enjoy and achieve
 - Make a positive contribution
 - Achieve economic wellbeing

4 Implications

4.1 Finance

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

4.2 Diversity & Equal Opportunities

There are no direct diversity implications arising from this report.

4.3 Human Rights Act Implications

There are no human rights act implications arising from this report.

4.4 Sustainability

The Children and Young People's Plan for a borough aims to shape the future plans and direction of local partners to ensure that children, young people and their families get the necessary support to achieve all of the Every Child Matters outcomes. The police force and authority must take account of this in their service planning and delivery.

4.5 Risk

There are no direct business risks to be considered as part of this report.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 The Children and Young People's Plans for the four boroughs describe the partners' plans for the provision of services to children and young people. These documents will form part of the evidence base for the Audit Commission when carrying out the new Comprehensive Area Assessments from April 2009. This report has appraised Members of the contents of the latest versions of the Children and Young People's Plans as published by the local CTBs.

Joe McCarthy
Chief Executive

Hartlepool Children & Young People's Plan 2009-2020

Vision

"23K Know The Way." 22,324 children and young people in Hartlepool.

Background

The plan reflects the lifespan of Hartlepool's Sustainable Community Strategy so is longer than the other Borough's plans. Seven out of Hartlepool's seventeen wards are among the 10% most deprived in England. The population of Hartlepool is less healthy than the national average, and teenage pregnancy rates are higher than national average.

Themes

Tackling Inequalities – Promote breastfeeding, encourage smoking cessation, reduce childhood obesity, promote sexual health, reduce teenage conception rates, tackle substance misuse by young people and adults, improve diagnosis and support for children with disabilities.

Narrowing the Gap – More support for those who struggle with schooling, more access to open spaces that are children and young person friendly, better approach to tackling anti-social behaviour, better parenting support, improved training for teaching staff in tackling challenging behaviour, narrow attainment gaps between girls and boys.

Eradicating Child Poverty – Better access to activities and transport, better access to benefits advice, improved job opportunities, better information on training courses, supporting families to break the cycle of unemployment.

Living Safely – Improve road safety, better support for parents/carers, tackle cyber-bullying, reduce the number of looked after children through preventative work aimed at the most vulnerable, better support and service for young victims of crime

Promoting Emotional Well-being – Better access to mental and emotional support for children and young people, support for those who have been victims of bullying, eradicate isolation and social exclusion, involve children, young people and parents in the planning of services.

Local Area Agreement targets covered by the plan are:

- Perceptions of anti-social behaviour
- Participation in regular volunteering
- Young people's participation in positive activities
- Under 18 conception rate
- All age all cause mortality
- Proportion of children in poverty
- 16 to 18 year olds not in education, training or employment
- Overall employment rate
- Working age people on out of work benefits
- Working age pop claiming out of work benefits in worst performing areas
- Number of affordable homes constructed
- Working age population qualified to at least Level 2
- Working age population qualified to at least Level 3
- Average earnings of employees in the area
- Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling
- Statutory targets around education

Middlesbrough Children & Young People's Plan 2008-11

Vision

"Putting Children and Young People First – The Key to Middlesbrough's Future."

Background

There are roughly 34,500 children and young people aged 0 to 19 in Middlesbrough. Deprivation is deep rooted with almost 35% of children in Middlesbrough living in poverty. Ill health and educational underachievement are also key issues.

Themes

Be Healthy – Reduce childhood obesity, improve mental health, reduce teenage pregnancies and reduce health inequalities across neighbourhoods.

Stay Safe – Tackle the hidden harm caused to children and young people by drug and alcohol misusing parents, reduce bullying, reduce accidental injuries, reduce the number of looked after children and those subject to a child protection plan.

Enjoy and Achieve – Invest in early years, tackle school absences and exclusions, improve educational attainment across all key stages, raise aspirations and enhance employability.

Make a Positive Contribution – Provide a strong and equal voice, reduce drug and alcohol misuse, increase youth engagement in positive activities, reduce youth offending.

Achieve Economic Well-being – Prepare young people for employment, reduce the number of young people not in education, employment or training, provide stable and decent homes, reduce the number of children and young people in poverty.

Points to note from a policing perspective are that there are high numbers of children subject to a child protection plan, often linked to parental substance misuse and domestic violence.

Local Area Agreement targets covered by the plan are:

- Obesity in Year 6 Primary school children
- Under 18 conception rate
- Percentage of initial assessments for children's social care carried out within 7 working days of referral
- First time entrants to Youth Justice System aged 10 to 17
- Substance misuse by young people
- Proportion of children in poverty
- 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment
- Statutory targets around education

Redcar & Cleveland Children & Young People's Plan 2009-12

Vision

Every child and young person should be able to live healthy, safe, happy and fulfilling lives, free from poverty and with opportunities to learn, expand their personal horizons and realise their ambitions and aspirations.

Background

Within Redcar and Cleveland there are 7,200 children under 5, 18,000 children aged 5-16 and 15,400 young people aged 16-24. In 2007 the Borough was ranked 50th most deprived in the country.

Themes

Be Healthy – Ensure that young people are sexually healthy and that children, young people and their families are supported to adopt healthy lifestyles, with a focus on breastfeeding, obesity, dental health and immunisation.

Stay Safe – Ensure that children and young people are safe from maltreatment, neglect, violence and sexual exploitation, with a focus on victims of domestic violence and bullying. Ensure that children in care have security, stability and are cared for.

Enjoy and Achieve – Ensure that children and young people have high aspirations and that the achievement gap is narrowed allowing all children and young people to reach their potential.

Make a Positive Contribution – Ensure that children and young people engage in law abiding and positive behaviour both in and out of school, and that they, together with their parents are actively involved in shaping services, with a particular emphasis on BME children, looked after children and those with a disability.

Achieve Economic Well-being – Ensure that young people are ready for employment and that children and young people live in decent homes and sustainable communities.

Points to note from a policing perspective are that there are good support mechanisms in place for young victims of domestic violence, together with good arrest rates for domestic violence and high prosecution rates. There are also good systems in place to identify children at risk of going missing. Work needs to be done to reduce the number young victims of crime, which has risen in recent years.

Local Area Agreement targets covered by the plan are:

- Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders
- Emotional health of children
- Services for disabled children
- Obesity among primary school children in Reception
- Stability of placements for looked after children
- Children becoming repeat subjects to a Child Protection Plan
- Children who have experienced bullying
- Young people's participation in positive activities
- Under 18 conception rate
- Substance misuse by young people
- Proportion of children in poverty
- 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment
- Statutory targets around education

Stockton Children & Young People's Plan 2009-11

Vision

"Every child matters – no child left behind."

Background

Stockton is split into four Integrated Service Areas – Billingham, North Stockton, Central Stockton, South. There are approximately 48,000 children and young people living in Stockton aged 19 years and under. The population for Stockton is less healthy than the national average, but educational attainment is roughly the national average.

Themes

Be Healthy - Promote sexual health, reduce under 18 conceptions, reduce substance misuse, reduce obesity levels, improve mental health and emotional well being and improve support for families with disabled children and disabled people.

Stay Safe - Ensure effective multi-agency safeguarding of vulnerable children and young people, improve the outcomes for children in care and improve safety within the family and the community.

Enjoy and Achieve - Improve educational attainment for all children, especially those from vulnerable and hard to reach groups. Improve involvement in further education, training and employment. Increase the range to accessible culture, leisure, sporting and social activities for young people.

Make a Positive Contribution - Reduce levels of youth offending and anti-social behaviour. Improve the participation of children, young people and their parents in community activities.

Achieve Economic Well-being - Improve progression, participation and retention in education, employment and training. Reduce youth homelessness and develop methods to minimise its impact.

Points to note from a policing perspective are that current safeguarding arrangements have been judged to be good. Also, there is evidence emerging of an increase in domestic violence referrals to social care and other services. Alcohol misuse is a greater concern for young people in Stockton than drugs.

Local Area Agreement targets covered by the plan are:

- Under 18 conception rate
- Obesity in Year 6 Primary school children
- Prevalence of breastfeeding
- Stability of placements of looked after children
- Care leavers in employment, education and training
- Reduce the number of persistent absentee secondary school pupils
- First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10 to 17
- Number of SureStart centres
- Proportion of children living in poverty
- Statutory targets around education