

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services
2.	Date:	19th September, 2012
3.	Title:	Proposal for a Joint Health, Social Care & Education Children, Young People & Families Commissioning Group
4.	Programme Area:	Resources Directorate RMBC

5. Summary:

This paper sets out a proposal for a joint NHS and RMBC Children, Young People's and Families Commissioning Group that will sit alongside the Children, Young People & Families Partnership, is accountable to the Health and Well Being Board and has the purpose of taking forward a strategic approach for commissioning of CYPS services and meeting recommendations set out in the Peer Review of 2011 and the recent 2012 Inspection of CYPS by Ofsted. The membership will be drawn from key stakeholders and partnership agencies across the borough including NHS Clinical Commissioning Group, Social Care, Education and the Voluntary Sector. The proposed Terms of Reference are attached to this report.

6. Recommendations:

That the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services: -

- 6.1 **Note the opportunities to progress a joint approach for commissioning**
- 6.2 **Endorse the proposal for a Children, Young People's and Families Commissioning Group as set out at 7.3**
- 6.3 **Agree the proposed Terms of Reference attached to this report**
- 6.4 **Agree that this proposal should be presented to the CYPFP for endorsement**

7. Proposals and Details:

7.1 Background:

The corporate review of Commissioning, Policy and Performance in 2011 brought CYPS commissioning together with Adults Health and Social Care commissioning in a corporate function within Chief Executives and then the Resources Directorate.

The Health and Well Being Board is now well established as a decision making body with a strategy that is out for consultation. There is an established governance structure that includes an Adults Board as the commissioning body for Health and Social care for Adults.

7.2 Current Position:

As commissioners our current practice is to jointly produce the Joint Strategic Needs Analysis (JSNA) which is overseen by the Health and Well Being Board and to contribute to other key analysis and planning documents. Currently we produce strategic commissioning plans which are quite distinct for Neighbourhoods and Adults Services (NAS) Directorate, Public Health and Children and Young Peoples (CYPS) Directorate and with our key partner the Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and in Public Health.

It is clear that Rotherham's NHS and RMBC plan well together as partners and there is established good practise in joint commissioning for Adults, that sits under the joint Adults Board, for the following services:

- Intermediate Care
- Equipment Services
- Occupational Health Services
- Mental Health
- Drugs and Alcohol misuse

To date there is no group or body where the strategic direction of commissioning for CYPS services across Health, Public Health, Social Care and Education is considered, information is shared and priorities are taken forward within a partnership approach.

At the present time as commissioners in NHS and in RMBC work closely together on the following commissioned services for CYPS or Families:

- CAMHs
- Substance Misuse
- Disability Short Breaks

This is a minimal position and of detriment to moving forward as a borough and as partners to improve outcomes for all. There are, however, real opportunities to achieve 'quick wins' in jointly commissioning services such as for Children with Complex needs and across the voluntary sector.

Development of joint commissioning plans against the national priorities and local priorities of the Health and Well Being Board, the CCG and the 29 outcomes is a key concern going forward. For example, DfE SEN Green Paper, 'Support and Aspirations; a New Approach to Special Educational Needs and Disability'. demands that the Local Authority works in partnership to take forward Personal Budgets for children and young people. The Green Paper states:

"By 2014, our intention is that all families with the proposed 'Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) ' will be entitled to a personal budget. Subjecting to piloting, this would include funding for education and health support as well as social care."

There will need to be a coordinated joint commissioning approach across all agencies to ensure that the requirements of this Green Paper are met.

7.3 Proposal:

That a commissioning group is set up with the following responsibilities and powers as set out in the Terms of Reference:

- Agree commissioning plans to deliver shared outcomes contained within HWB Strategy
- Agree overarching commissioning principles and relationships management
- Ensure that commissioning plans are informed by child/parent/carer centred approaches and take account of real life experience
- Share commissioning priorities and seek opportunities for integrated commissioning across Health, Social Care and Schools
- Consider implications of intelligence from JSNA, local and national reviews
- Contribute to the CYPS local account
- Make recommendations about commissioning priorities to HWB Board through appropriate local authority and NHS decision making groups
- Review progress against outcomes contained within HWB Strategy
- Review progress against the combined priorities of the HWB Strategy
- Develop responses to emerging issues and recommend remedial action/alternative approaches to achieve shared outcomes in the light of changing circumstances
- Identify opportunities to support emerging markets such as Personalisation and Individual Budgets for Disabled Children
- Deliver shared outcomes set out in the following strategic documents
 - HWB Strategy
 - RMBC Corporate Plan – the 29 outcomes
 - NHS Operating Framework

Membership of the group is proposed to include strategic commissioning officers, representatives of Children, Young People and Family services, School

Effectiveness, Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Public Health and the Voluntary Sector. The draft Terms of Reference are attached to this paper for convenience.

The Governance arrangements are that reporting is to the Children, Young People's and Families Partnership, the HWBB and into the Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group as appropriate. There will also be engagement with and reporting into other boards, groups and bodies as required, in particular Children Safeguarding Board to ensure that keeping children and young people safe is at the heart of commissioning activities.

The initial work of the group will be to develop a Commissioning Strategy for Children, Young People and their Families. A number of task and finish groups will be commenced and an example of these will be a joint health, social care and education approach for children with complex needs. The strategy will be short and meaningful stating a clear plan for the next three years.

8. Finance:

There are no financial considerations relating to this paper at this time however should this work progress to combined commissioning there will be pooling of budgets as defined under the Health Act (2000)

9. Risks and Uncertainties:

That

- Not to develop a joint commissioning group for CYPS and Families will result in fragmented commissioning
- Not to develop a joint approach would result in the reduction of opportunities to decrease duplication, achieve efficiencies and improve outcomes

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications:

The Health and Well Being Board will have a duty to develop the JSNA. The DH has published guidance on the future development of this piece of work under the new arrangements.

The Joint Health and Well Being Strategy is out for consultation. Government are currently consulting on the proposals in relation to the Public Health White Paper, including commissioning, funding and the proposed outcomes framework.

The DfE SEN Green Paper, 'Support and Aspirations; a New Approach to Special Educational Needs and Disability' is expected to pass into law this Autumn.

11. Background Papers and Consultation:

CYPS commissioning priorities
NAS commissioning priorities

ACP- CCG annual cycle
Children's and Young Peoples Plan
Corporate Plan on a page
Children, Young People and Families Partnership Commissioning Plan
Joint Health & Well-being Strategy

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