

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – Report to DLT

1	Meeting:	Children, Young People and Families Partnership
2	Date:	15 th January, 2014
3	Title:	CYPS Commissioning Strategy
4	Directorate:	NAS

5. Summary

This report presents the CYPS Commissioning Strategy for 2014-2017. This strategy aligns with the Corporate Plan, the Health and Wellbeing Strategy (HWBS) and the life stages priorities and the CYPS service Plan and meets the new requirement of OfSTED for a commissioning plan. The commissioning priorities contained within the strategy will be refreshed annually to reflect the priorities of CYPS to improve life chances of children, young people and their families.

The CYPS commissioning strategy also aligns with the commissioning priorities document which forms the work programme for operational commissioners.

Consultation on the commissioning strategy has taken place across the council and with partners in health and the VCS. Comments and amendments have been incorporated where appropriate.

6. Recommendations

That the Children, Young People and Families Partnership:

6.1 Endorse the CYPS Commissioning Strategy

7. Background

7.1 Introduction

There is no current CYPS commissioning strategy in place. A commissioning strategy has been developed for CYPS which aligns with the Corporate Plan, the Health and Wellbeing Strategy (HWBS) and the life stages priorities and the CYPS Service Plan.

The strategy is deliberately concise and clearly sets out the purpose of the strategy, defines strategic commissioning and sets out the national and local priorities and commissioning activities. The commissioning strategy is for three years but will be refreshed annually in terms of activities to ensure the strategy reflects the priorities of CYPS.

One intention of the commissioning strategy is to inform colleagues, Elected Members and partners of the work of the commissioning function within the council including the principles and priorities. Sitting beneath the strategy is the commissioning priorities work programme which identifies the work streams to be delivered on by operational commissioners working with CYPS Directorate leads.

There is a new requirement from OfSTED to have a CYPS commissioning strategy in place and this is met and this strategy will be incorporated within the suite of evidence for the next inspection.

The commissioning strategy is attached to this report and DLT is asked to endorse the strategy.

An 'Easy Read' none jargon version of the commissioning strategy is being developed for use with children and young people.

7.2 Consultation

The strategy has been widely distributed for consultation with Elected Members, across the council, health partners and the VCS. Comments and amendments were incorporated where appropriate which have led to an improved strategy.

8. Finance

There are no financial implications in this report

9 Risks and Uncertainties

1. That should the CYPS commissioning strategy not be agreed the requirement of OfSTED will not be met. That any efficiency gains achieved will need to be proportionate across the Directorates
2. Should the strategy not be endorsed there will be a gap for the commissioning function in setting out the work programme for operational commissioners.

10. Background papers

- RMBC Corporate Plan
- HWB Strategy
- CYPS Service Plan

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