

**PORTFOLIO : CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES**

**1. Cabinet decisions since the last meeting of County Council**

- 1.1 There will have been 5 Cabinet meetings (23 April 2018, 14 May 2018, 25 May 2018, 18 June 2018 and 9 July 2018) since the last Executive Report to County Council on 27 March 2018. The following items of business were specifically attributed to this portfolio:-

Cabinet – 18 June 2018

**A069/17 Proposal to reconfigure existing services to schools to support them to meet the needs of primary aged children with Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD) by 31 August 2018** - Cabinet accepted the amended proposals as detailed within the report and agreed to publish a statutory notice to close the 10 primary Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD) bases, with effect from 31 March 2019

**2. Consequences of Cabinet decisions before the last meeting of the County Council on 22 May 2018**

- 2.1 Nothing to report.

**3. Anticipated/ future decisions to be made by Cabinet**

Cabinet – 9 July 2018

**A020/18 Hertfordshire's Children's Plan** – Cabinet will be asked to recommend to Council that Council approves the Hertfordshire Strategic Plan for Children and Young People 2018-21.

**A030/18 Invest to Transform funding for Childrens Services SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disability) services** – Cabinet will be invited to approve the proposed approach of Children's Services to transforming the system, services and approach to support children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) and their families, and to agree to the investment of £3,012,357 from the Prevention Invest to Transform funding.

Cabinet – 24 September 2018

**A028/18 Changes to Local Safeguarding Board Arrangements** – Cabinet will be asked to consider and approve proposed changes to local safeguarding board arrangements.

**A044/18 Hertfordshire Adoption Service providing services for Luton Borough Council** – Cabinet will be invited to consider a proposal that the Council's adoption service provides services for Luton Borough Council.

## 4. Key Partnerships

### 4.1 Update on Hertfordshire Children's Safeguarding Board (HSCB) model

The review of the HSCB has been concluded and a draft proposal for future safeguarding partnership arrangements has been completed. This has been agreed by the three relevant agencies' (County Council, Police and Health) Chief Officers and the Executive Member and shared across the Board. The proposed new arrangements will work in a similar way to now, however it is proposed that the governance mechanism, ie sub groups and committees be streamlined and that the Board look to work jointly with the Adult Safeguarding Board, where possible, merging some functions to enable a more streamlined approach to the partnership and achieving savings.

Final publication of Working Together 2018, the Government Guidance on how safeguarding arrangements should work, is due in the coming months and the new proposals will then be finalised. It is proposed that these new arrangements are presented to Children, Young People and Families Panel and Cabinet in September 2018 for approval followed by implementation in October. The HSCB has applied to be an 'early adopter' which would enable support from the Department for Education as well as shared learning with other local safeguarding children's boards. The outcome of this application is due on later in June.

## 5. Other comments

### 5.1 Nascot Lawn

The transition of families from Nascot Lawn (NL) to County Council settings continues. Good progress is being made by the 0-25 Together Team. Nascot Lawn is continuing to be used by families at the moment and Hertfordshire Community Trust (HCT) has confirmed that there is sufficient staff to run services there until the end of July 2018. HCT is currently reviewing the position regarding staffing during August.

#### 5.1.1 Over Night Short Breaks

As at 1 June, there were 41 families (from both Herts Valley's Clinical Commissioning Group (HVCCG) and East and North Herts Clinical Commissioning Group (E&NCCG) who are being/have been supported to transfer to alternative services. The services which families are transferring to as at 01 June were as follows:

<b>JUNE</b>	Completed	In Progress	Not Started
Direct Payment	5		
Peartree House		6	
The Pines	1	5	
Shared Care	1		
West Hyde	6	6	7
Adult Care Provision	1	1	1
Out of county respite	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>

The status of transitions by CCG is as follows:

Of the 41 children and young people transition:

- 32 HVCCG
- 9 East and North Herts

<b>Complete</b> (15)	10 HVCCG 5 E&NCCG	Either in Overnight Short Break HCC unit or Direct payments or shared care
<b>In progress</b> (18)	15 HVCCG 3 E&NCCG	An additional 6 will be transitioned by end of June
<b>Not Started</b> (8)	7 HVCCG 1 ENHCCG	
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	

Of the eight families who have not started their transition by June 2018:

- 3 families are looking to transfer to West Hyde. 2 of these transitions are scheduled to begin in June. The other family is in discussion about potential interim solutions.
- 4 families are scheduled to begin transition in September 2018. All 4 families have agreed interim support.

From 01 July, a total of 12 families will still be receiving support at Nascot Lawn. Of these, 9 receive overnight support; and three families receive daycare.

Two young people are transitioning to adult care provision. Transitioning to this provision can take longer as families have to think about new forms of support. Families have to be introduced to new services and the choice can be daunting. Neither young person has yet turned 18 years however it is important that they do not experience two moves in a short time period.

### 5.1.2 Daycare

There were ten daycare children who had to be transferred to other services.

The progress of these transfers is as follows:

- 3 families have been supported to access Free Early Education in universal settings, or are accessing support their local Children's Centre.
- 1 family have chosen not to access any other support.
- 1 family will access Free Early Education when their child is old enough to become eligible.
- 3 families are being supported through the EHCP process to access special schools by the SEN teams.
- 2 families have chosen not to engage with universal services, but are being supported by 0-25 Together.

Members will be aware that we are seeking to extend West Hyde to create two additional bedrooms. The planning application will be made to Three Rivers District Council by the end of July and a decision should be forthcoming by the end of September. Building work is timetabled to commence in October, and is scheduled to be complete by the end of February 2019.

## **5.2 Outcome Bee Launch Event**

A successful Outcome Bee Launch event was held on the 18 April to update partners on how the framework is being embedded in Children's Services and was an opportunity for partners to think about how they can use the Outcome Domains in their practice.

## **5.3 Gangs and Knife Crime Seminar**

On the 23 of April Hertfordshire Constabulary and partners arranged a workshop aimed at raising awareness on the rise in violent crime and gang affiliation. Around 200 people from a range of organisations, including schools attended the seminar which provided a helpful opportunity to enhance their knowledge base and understand how this is impacting in Hertfordshire. Work is now going on to develop a multi-agency strategy.

## **5.4 CAMHS Transformation Conference**

On 21 May, stakeholders from across Hertfordshire had the opportunity to hear feedback on the progress that has been made against Hertfordshire's Transformation Plan. Some of the presentations were particularly powerful because they were delivered either by young people who had received services or their parents. Key themes coming out of the conference included the importance of early help in schools, family centres and other settings, the need to have big ambitions in order to make the progress we are looking to achieve and strong links between physical and mental health and wellbeing.

## **5.5 Launch of the Mocking Bird Family Model**

On 10 June, Hertfordshire County Council, with support from the Fostering Network, launched the first Mockingbird Fostering Hub. These Hub carers will not have any children in placement but will, instead, offer support and sleepovers to approximately ten, linked, fostering households. The model promotes the idea of an 'extended family' approach to fostering which gives carers a close support network and someone with whom they can share both their triumphs and their challenges and the children have a wider group of safe and trusted adults to turn to as well as the opportunity to meet other children in care who might have had similar experiences to them. Due to the positive feedback we have received from foster carers during the development period we are already planning our next three Hubs and we expect the model to improve both the retention of foster carers and the placement stability of children.

## **6. Cabinet Panels**

- 6.1 Since the last Executive Report to Council, the Children, Young People and Families Cabinet Panel will have met on Wednesday 20 June 2018. The matters discussed can be found at the following location:

[Children, Young People and Families Cabinet Panel](#)

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