

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Integration Joint Board	
Held on	23 June 2021	
Agenda Item:	10	
Title:	Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2020-2021	
Summary:		
<p>The purpose of this report is to inform the IJB of the Children's Service's Plan Annual Report 2020 – 2021 and to highlight the key achievements of the Health and Social Care Partnership and its partners.</p>		
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Recommendations:		
<p>It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board</p> <p>i. Note the contents of the Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2020-2021.</p>		
Route to meeting:		
<p>The Children's Services Plan Annual Report has been approved by the Children's Services Planning Group on 21 May 2021.</p>		
Directions:		Implications:
1. No Directions Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Financial <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Directions to NHS Ayrshire & Arran	<input type="checkbox"/>	HR <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Directions to South Ayrshire Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Directions to both SAC & NHS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equalities <input type="checkbox"/>
		Sustainability <input type="checkbox"/>
		Policy <input type="checkbox"/>
		ICT <input type="checkbox"/>

CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the IJB of the Children's Service's Plan Annual Report 2020 – 2021 and to highlight the key achievements of the Health and Social Care Partnership and its partners.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board

- i. Note the contents of the Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2020-2021.**

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The [Children and Young People \(Scotland\) Act 2014](#) introduced new planning and reporting duties on a range of public bodies. Part 3 of the Act requires a Children's Services Plan to be prepared jointly by local authorities and health boards to cover a 3-year period. The initial South Ayrshire Children's Services Plan was published in April 2017. A refreshed Children's Services Plan was agreed in March 2020 ([Children's Services Plan 2020-2023](#)). Partners agreed a shared vision underpinning the Plan:

All children and young people in South Ayrshire deserve the chance to reach their full potential. We will support those who start at a disadvantage and remove barriers for those who are struggling, we will stretch the most able and protect and nurture all children, especially the most vulnerable. Our aim is to reduce inequalities in outcomes for children and young people, in particular, to close the gaps in outcomes related to deprivation so that all can achieve their potential.

- 3.2 The Plan sets out the priorities for the next three years to ensure children and young people in South Ayrshire are safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included. The five priorities within the South Ayrshire Children's Services Plan are:

- 1) **Outstanding Universal Provision:** Ensure South Ayrshire's children get the best start in life, it is the best place to grow up, and all children and young people are successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors;
- 2) **Tackling Inequalities:** Reduce the gap in outcomes between the most deprived and least deprived children and young people in South Ayrshire;
- 3) **Love and Support for our Care Experienced Young People and Young Carers:** Ensure young people and children who are care experienced or young carers are loved and supported to improve their life experiences and life chances;

- 4) **Good Physical and Mental Health and Wellbeing:** Ensure young people and children are supported to achieve and maintain good emotional and physical wellbeing; and
- 5) **Promoting Children's Rights:** Work to ensure we are delivering on the provisions of the United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) as incorporated into Scots Law.

3.3 The Act also places a duty on the local authority and relevant health board to publish an annual report on the extent to which children's services and related services have, in that period, been working towards improving local priorities for children and young people.

4. REPORT

4.1 Co-ordination, management and monitoring of the Children's Services Plan is undertaken by a range of partners through the Children's Services Planning Group (CSPG). The 2020/21 Annual Report demonstrates progress against the five priorities. It is to be noted that the Plan was prepared prior to COVID dominating the reporting period. The CSPG met regularly throughout the pandemic to review support for young people and where partnership work would be beneficial.

4.2 It is recommended that the Leadership Panel agrees the content of the draft Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2020/21. The report will also be submitted to the Integration Joint Board and the NHS Board and the Community Planning Board for approval.

4.3 It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board note the contents of the Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2020-2021 as set out at [Appendix 1](#). The report will be submitted to South Ayrshire Council's Leadership Panel, the NHS Board and the Community Planning Board for approval.

5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

5.1 Supporting children to reach their full potential is a central theme of the Strategic Plan. Strategic Objectives which specifically support this are:

- We focus on prevention and tackling inequality
- We nurture and are part of communities that care for each other
- We work together to give you the right care in the right place
- We help to build communities where people are safe

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

6.1.1 There are no financial implications arising from the consideration of this report.

6.2 Human Resource Implications

6.2.1 There are no staffing implications arising from the consideration of this report.

6.3 Legal Implications

6.3.1 There are no legal implications arising from the consideration of this report.

6.4 Equalities implications

6.4.1 The purpose of this report is to allow scrutiny of performance. The report does not involve proposals for policies, strategies, procedures, processes, financial decisions and activities (including service delivery) both new and at review that affect the Partnership's communities, therefore an equality impact assessment is not required.

6.5 Sustainability implications

6.5.1 There are no anticipated sustainability implications arising from consideration of this report.

6.6 Clinical/professional assessment

6.6.1 There is no requirement for clinical/professional assessment.

7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

7.1 There has been no public consultation on the contents of this report. Public consultation took place regarding the priorities of South Ayrshire Children's Service Plan 2020 – 2023.

7.2 Consultation has taken place with Councillor William Grant, Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, and the contents of this report reflect any feedback provided.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1. In terms of the IJB Risk Management Strategy, the level of risk this report presents is low.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

[Children's Services Annual Report 2020-2023](#)

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