

## South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership

### REPORT

<b>Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership</b>	<b>Integration Joint Board</b>
<b>Held on</b>	<b>25 June 2020</b>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2019 – 2020</b>
<b>Summary:</b>	
<p>The purpose of this report is to inform the IJB of the Children's Service's Plan Annual Report 2019 – 2020 (<a href="#">Appendix 1</a>) and to highlight the key achievements of the Health and Social Care Partnership and its partners.</p>	
<b>Presented by</b>	<b>Director of Health &amp; Social Care</b>
<b>Action required:</b>	
<p><b>It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board note the contents of the Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2019 – 2020.</b></p>	

<b>Implications checklist – check box if applicable and include detail in report</b>									
Financial	<input type="checkbox"/>	HR	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equalities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	ICT	<input type="checkbox"/>						

<b>Directions required to NHS Ayrshire &amp; Arran South Ayrshire Council, or both</b>	1. No Direction Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	2. Direction to NHS Ayrshire and Arran	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3. Direction to South Ayrshire Council	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4. Direction to NHS Ayrshire and Arran and South Ayrshire Council	<input type="checkbox"/>

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP  
INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**

25<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**Report by Director of Health & Social Care**

**Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2019 – 2020**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

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**2. RECOMMENDATION**

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**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 three year period, commencing 1 April 2017.
- 3.2 Following widespread consultation in 2016/17, South Ayrshire's Children's Services Plan was published in April 2017 following agreement both by the Council and the Community Planning Partnership.
- 3.3 This 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) 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) Reduce the gap in outcomes between the most deprived and least deprived children and young people in South Ayrshire;
  - 3) Ensure young people and children who are looked after or care leavers are cared for and supported to improve their life experiences and life chances;
  - 4) Ensure young people and children are supported to achieve and maintain good emotional and physical wellbeing; and
  - 5) Ensure children and young people have a voice in influencing service delivery that affects their lives.

- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 Due to the current coronavirus pandemic, the content of the draft plan has not yet been formally agreed by South Ayrshire Council Leadership Panel or NHS Ayrshire and Arran Board.

#### **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.
- 4.2 The Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2019 – 2020 (Appendix 1) highlights the key achievements of Children's Services Planning Partners. A summary of progress against each of the Priorities is provided below:
- 1) 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.**
- 4.3 The Family Nurse Partnership (FNP) team continue to deliver the programme to first time parents aged 19 years and under. Between October 2015 and January 2020, 109 young women from South Ayrshire were eligible for FNP programme and of that 74 have enrolled in the programme.
- 4.4 Post Deregistration Guidance was developed to continue support to children and their families following deregistration from the Child Protection Register.
- 4.5 A Transition Protocol has been approved by the Health and Social Care Partnership to improve transition arrangements between children and adult services.
- 2) Reduce the gap in outcomes between the most deprived and least deprived children and young people in South Ayrshire.**
- 4.6 The oral health of children in South Ayrshire has improved in recent years. In 2019, 86.3% of children in Primary 7 presented with no obvious decay in permanent teeth compared with 79% across Ayrshire and 80% across Scotland.
- 4.7 A Virtual School Head Teacher (HT) has been appointed and leads a team of four Education Welfare Officers. The HT will take the lead on liaising with Children's House and Social Work colleagues to track and monitor the progress and achievements of care experienced children and young people.

**3) Ensure young people and children who are looked after or care leavers are cared for and supported to improve their life experiences and life chances.**

- 4.8 The Independent Care Review published its findings on 5th February 2020. South Ayrshire's Champions Board held an event to celebrate the work and findings of the Independent Care Review which was attended by 54 corporate parents. South Ayrshire has begun work designing a charter on the commitments we have made to stop certain practices and practice that we will continue and do more of.
- 4.9 Positive progress continues to be made in South Ayrshire to support young people leaving care to develop the skills to avoid homelessness, live interdependently and reach their full potential.
- 4.10 The Champions Board worked with South Ayrshire's Chief Social Work Officer, Head of Service Children's Health, Care and Justice Services, Learning and Development Officer and 3rd Horizons to deliver and participate in a Systems Leadership programme for all Children's Health, Care and Justice Services managers.
- 4.11 South Ayrshire Champions Board joined with the Corporate Parenting Group and the Chief Social Work Officer to co-host South Ayrshires first 'new look' Corporate Family meeting in July 2019.

**4) Ensure young people and children are supported to achieve and maintain good emotional and physical wellbeing.**

- 4.12 Young carers in South Ayrshire now have the opportunity to receive free access to sport and leisure memberships through South Ayrshire Council's Activ8 scheme. This was formally launched on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019.
- 4.13 The Active Schools Programme continued to offer a wide range of opportunities for children and young people to take part in sport across South Ayrshire. A total of 47 different activities were offered across South Ayrshire through a variety of clubs.

**5) Ensure children and young people have a voice in influencing service delivery that affects their lives.**

- 4.14 The 2019 Say It Out LOUD survey received 5693 responses and is a prime example of youth engagement in South Ayrshire.
- 4.15 Through the Champions Board, young people take part in groups in Girvan and Ayr. Members of the Belmont group contributed to the development of a blog and podcasts for CELCIS knowledge bank.
- 4.16 The Champions Board attended the European Social Network (ESN) Co-Production Forum on 14-15 November 2019. The group experienced many

'firsts' such as getting a passport, flying for the first time, managing being away from friends and family, navigating through the city, understanding the language and supporting each other through new experiences.

## **5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

5.1 The Children's Services Plan Annual Report supports the Partnership's Strategic Objectives, namely:

- We will protect vulnerable children and adults from harm;
- We will work to provide the best start in life for children in South Ayrshire;
- We will improve outcomes for children who are looked after in South Ayrshire; and
- We will give all of our stakeholders a voice.

## **6. RESOURCE 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.

## **7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

7.1 This report has been prepared in consultation with relevant officers from across the Health and Social Care Partnership.

7.2 The Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2019 – 2020 was developed by the Children's Services Planning Group.

## **8. RISK ASSESSMENT**

8.1 There are no anticipated risks arising from the content and recommendations of this report.

## **9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 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.

## **10. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 There are no anticipated sustainability implications arising from the consideration of this report.

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### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

[Children's Services Plan 2017-2020](#)

17<sup>th</sup> June 2020