

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Integration Joint Board	
Held on	14th December 2022	
Agenda Item:	8	
Title:	Children's Services Annual Report	
Summary:		
To seek IJB approval for the draft Children Services Plan Annual Report 2021/22		
Author:	Mark Inglis / Claire Monaghan	
Recommendations:		
It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board		
i. Agrees to the draft Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2021/22		
Route to meeting:		
The draft Children Services Plan Annual Report 2021/22 has been presented to the South Ayrshire Council Cabinet on the 1st of November 2022.		
The draft report was also presented to the NHS Board on the 28th November 2022.		
Directions:	Implications:	
1. No Directions Required <input 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 2021/22

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the draft Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2021/22.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board
- i. agrees to the draft Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2021/22.

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 This Shared Vision is supported by 5 high level priorities:

Outstanding Universal Provision

Ensure our children get the best start in life; South Ayrshire is the best place to grow up; and all children and young people are successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

Tackling Inequalities

Reduce the gap in outcomes between the most and least deprived children and young people in South Ayrshire.

Love and Support for our Care Experienced Young People and Young Carers

Ensure children and young people who are care experienced or young carers are loved and supported to improve their life experiences and life chances.

Good Physical and Mental Health and Wellbeing

Ensure all children and young people are supported to achieve and maintain good physical and mental health and wellbeing.

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 Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 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 CSPG meets regularly to discuss issues linked to children's services including national initiatives and local issues arising in children's services.
- 4.2 It is recommended that IJB agrees the content of the draft Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2021/22 as set out at appendix 1. The report has also been submitted to the Integration Joint Board and the NHS Board and will in time be presented to the Community Planning Board for approval. The report will be desktop published prior to publication.

5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 5.1 The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 introduced new duties on a range of public bodies on planning and reporting. Part 3 of the Act requires that a Children's Services Plan be prepared jointly by local authorities and health boards. In line with this Act the South Ayrshire Children's Services Plan was prepared for a three-year period from 1 April 2017. A refreshed Children's Services Plan was agreed in April 2020. The attached is the annual report on the Progress made.
- 5.2 The Children's Services Planning annual report aligns the IJB Strategic Plan 2021-31 through the ***"empowering our communities to start well, live well and age well"***.
- 5.3 The IJB's Strategic Plan aligns with the Children's Services Planning Group's strategic objectives in;
- ***"We focus on prevention and tackling inequalities"***
 - ***"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 are an ambitious and effective Partnership"***

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

6.1.1 Design and print costs are negligible and will be met from existing budgets.

6.2 Human Resource Implications

6.2.1 Not applicable.

6.3 Legal Implications

6.3.1 Not applicable

6.4 Equalities implications

6.4.1 The proposals in this report 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, IJB's service users or employees, therefore an equality impact assessment is not required.

6.5 Sustainability implications

6.5.1 Not applicable

6.6 Clinical/professional assessment

6.6.1 The CSWO sits within the CSPG when able and has contributed to the work of the CSPG.

7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

7.1 Consultation has taken place with Councillor Stephen Ferry, Portfolio Holder for Education, and Councillor Lee Lyons, Portfolio Holder for Health and Social Care, who are supportive of the contents of this report.

7.2 This report has been written by Claire Monaghan, Service Lead, Children Services and Child Poverty, in consultation with Lyndsay McRoberts, Director of Education and Mark Inglis Head of Service for Children's Health Care and Justice and Chair of the Children Services Planning Group.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1 The risk associated with rejecting the recommendations is that the Council would fail to meet statutory reporting requirements to the Scottish Government in respect of the Children's Services Plan as defined by the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 Part 3.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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